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CHINESE NATIONAL CURRENCY REFORM

Return To Silver Standard Urged By Assembly

KAI TAK AIRPORT CRITICS

London, Apr. 21.
An assertion that aircraft could not land at Hong Kong, which was "rather humiliating," was made in the House of Commons today by Mr. Alan Lennox-Boyd, a Conservative Member.

Another Conservative Member, Mr. William Teeling, said international aircraft were bypassing Hong Kong because they could not land there, and a Labour Member, Mr. John Patten, said the airport at Hong Kong was always difficult and that on many days of the year it was "positively dangerous" to aircraft.

These remarks followed a statement by Mr. Christopher Mayhew, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, that the Colonial Secretary, Mr. Arthur Creech Jones, hoped to make a statement about a new airport for Hong Kong soon. He said he would put the points raised by the Members to Mr. Creech Jones.

When Mr. Teeling protested that an answer, that the matter was "under active consideration," had been given for many months, Mr. Mayhew replied: "Yes, but there will be a statement in the near future."—Reuter.

Belgian Mission Closing

Peiping, Apr. 22.
The Belgian United Mission in China, which has been operating in this country for the past 80 years, is curtailing its activities because of the civil war, a spokesman for the Mission told the Associated Press.

He said 45 to 55 of the Mission's estimated personnel of 200 would be transferred to other countries.

Priests over 60 years old, of whom there are between 20 to 30, would return to Belgium.

Some already on their way. Twenty-five younger relatively newcomers who had not mastered Chinese, would go to the United States, Japan and the Philippines.

"It is now impossible for us to carry on our work in Communist-held areas and places where there is civil war," the spokesman explained.—Associated Press.

Norwegian Freighter Aground

Manila, Apr. 22.
The 2,712-ton Norwegian freighter Kookaburra ran aground off the treacherous San Bernar, 25 miles southeast of Manila early today.

The ship, carrying general cargo, was en route from San Francisco to Shanghai. Three passengers were aboard.

Sharp and Company, local agents, said all were safe, but there were no details yet as to the extent of damage to the vessel.

A rescue party aboard a salvage tug was being sent to the scene.—Associated Press.

Shanghai, Apr. 22.
The China National Aviation Corporation will fly a DC4-Sky-Cruiser to Japan on a preliminary test flight on Wednesday as a preliminary to inaugurating a regular Shanghai-Tokyo service, it was reported here today.—Reuter.

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Proposed Approach To Britain, US

Nanking, Apr. 22.
The Chinese Government was urged today by the National Assembly to open negotiations with Britain and the United States for the purpose of contracting silver loans to be used for reforming the Chinese national currency and returning it to a silver standard.

A proposal to this effect was adopted this morning on the basis of eleven similar requests from delegates calling for immediate Government action to stabilize prices and halt inflation.

The resolution suggested that loans be secured on Chinese exports of tungsten, wood oil, tea, silk and other similar products.

It said that before reform was effected the Government should first set a rate of exchange for the new currency now in circulation and then proclaim a period beyond which further circulation should be banned.

Following the complete withdrawal of the old currency, it said that silver was to be used as legal tender for all transactions, public or private.

For the realization of currency reform the proposal further asked the Government to organize a special committee to begin prompt deliberations.

While reform plans were being mapped out the Government was also requested to refrain from further increasing the note issue and to devise means of taxing the rich to meet budgetary deficits.

A separate proposal was adopted for taxing the rich, stipulating that the Government should act within a period of three months to enact special laws pertaining thereto.—Reuter-AAP.

Kwangtung Banknotes?

Canton, Apr. 22.
Kwangtung Province may soon have its own notes circulating side by side with the National dollar, according to a local press report.

This proposed currency, the report added, would be linked to the Hong Kong dollar (which is within the Sterling area) and a realistic rate would be fixed between the two.

It is further reported that Dr. T. V. Soong, Governor of Kwangtung, has been negotiating for a loan of HK\$100 million in the British Colony to back up the new currency.

Government quarters here ridicule the report, but merchants see the possibility of renewal of trade with Hong Kong should the province's currency be stabilized and linked to the Hong Kong dollar. They point out that a separate currency for the province would not mean the withdrawal from circulation of the National dollar.

Chinese businessmen contend that issuance of a new currency would put a brake on the present influx of capital from North and Central China.

The issuance of provincial currencies is not new in China, as before the Sino-Japanese War most provinces had their own notes, backed by provincial funds, circulating at a discount with the National dollar.—Reuter.

"No Help--Only Criticism"--Wavell

London, Apr. 22.
Field-Marshal Lord Wavell, one of Britain's wartime commanders, in his final despatches praised the War Office, but declared that in one campaign he received "no help--only criticism."

This was the campaign aimed at capturing Akyab in the Arakan, Burma, which ended after five months of grim jungle fighting with both sides back where they started—with about 2,500 casualties.

The despatch published today covered operations in the India Command—during 1943—when Field-Marshal Wavell was Commander-in-Chief there.

The War Office preface says that, captured Japanese documents had since shown that his operations "accomplished" their main purpose, which was by offensive action to keep the Japanese forces engaged, and thereby prevent an offensive into India at a time when India was unprotected.

Lord Wavell said that troops of the Sixth Brigade in their ill-fated attack on the Donbaik position on March 18, "succeeded in advancing some distance into enemy defenses, but were unable to deal with the enemy's underground strong points, which remained in action behind our forward troops."

"Our forward troops were eventually all killed or compelled to withdraw. The attack was made with great dash and determination, but was not carried out in the strength or depth I had considered necessary."

To his statement that he would not have committed his troops deeply into the unhealthy Arakan jungles if he had available naval and air forces, landing craft and transports for a sea-borne assault on Akyab Island, the War Office adds a note that the landings in North Africa and Sicily took a higher priority.—Reuter.

CUSTOMS' BAN ON AIR CARGO

Shanghai, Apr. 22.
Chinese Customs authorities have banned the transportation by aircraft or aircraft passengers of 21 items of goods, according to Chinese reports today.

The new regulations, besides limiting each passenger's gold ornaments to 1 oz, totally prohibit the carrying of radio telephones and telegraphic instruments, poisons and poisonous gas, minting machinery, blank or counterfeit bank notes, obscene books, pictures and articles, gambling equipment, subversive literature, pistols and flashlights, lottery tickets, opium and byproducts, morphia and anaesthetic syringes.—Reuter.

Ayrshire Viking Crash

Renfrew, Apr. 22.
Search parties are still trying to locate the passengers and crew of a B.E.A. Viking airliner which last night crashed and burst into flames on the lonely hillside between Largs and Lochwinnoch, Ayrshire.

The search party returned after an all night search in darkness and mist but set out again this morning in heavy rain. Sixteen passengers and the crew, who had been forced to spend the night near the burnt-out wreckage, were stated by B.E.A. officials to be "all safe."

The plane was on the London-Glasgow passenger service. News of the crash came shortly after an S.O.S. had been broadcast in the B.B.C. midnight news, when the aircraft had been missing for three hours.

The pilot, Captain John Ramsden, accompanied by one of the passengers, H.D. Watt, trumped six miles across desolate moorland with the news of the crash. By following a hillside stream, they found their way into the market town of Largs.

From a public call box, Captain Ramsden telephoned the dramatic message: "We are down in the hills" to the Renfrew airport. He then went to the Largs police station, where a search party was immediately organized.—Reuter.

Bombers For China

Shanghai, Apr. 22.
Four Canadian Mosquito-type bomber planes, sold to China under special credit arrangements, are being unloaded today from the steamer Island Side, which arrived here over the week-end.

The aircraft represent the third shipment of the same type of bombers delivered here.

The ship also transported to Shanghai a general military cargo of 3,000 tons.

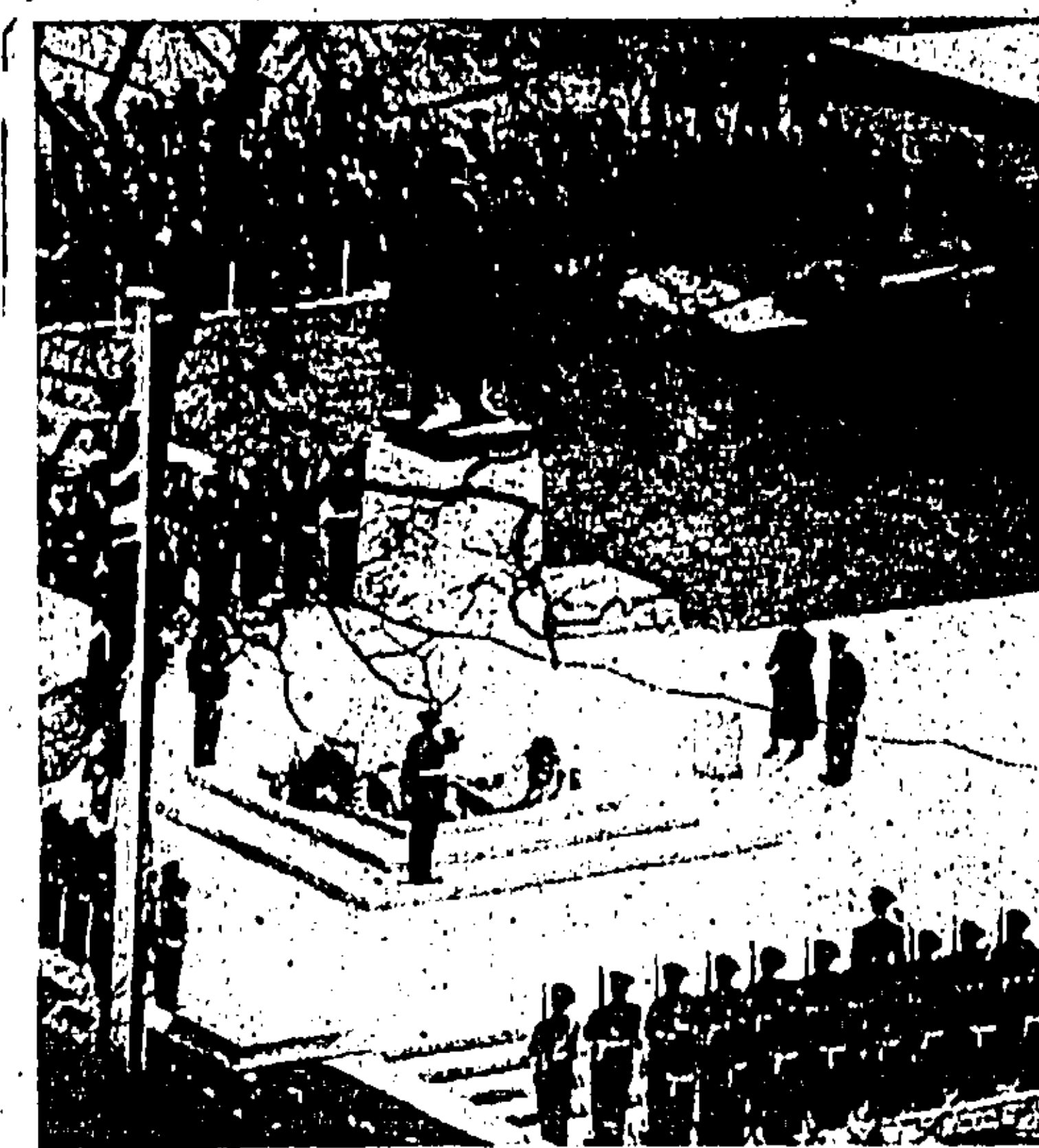
On a makeshift assembly line at the Chinese Air Force's airfield in Tazung, northern suburb of Shanghai, Canadian supervisors from the De Havilland Aircraft Works, of Toronto, will help Chinese personnel to re-assemble the twin-engined Mosquitos.—Reuter.

DISAPPEARED IN BERLIN

Berlin, Apr. 21.
The United States Military Government published today a list of 49 persons who have disappeared in Berlin since the occupation in 1945.

They gave the time and place in which each person was last seen and the available details of the circumstances.

The list included persons from the American, British and Russian sectors and persons who had fled from Berlin to the Soviet Zone.—Reuter.



Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, with His Majesty the King, immediately after she had unveiled the British Memorial to her husband, the late President Roosevelt, in Grosvenor Square on April 12. Royal Marines flank the statue. (A. P. Photo.)

Hagana Takes Haifa

Haifa, Apr. 22.
Jewish Hagana forces today seized the great Palestine port city of Haifa after an all-night offensive which forced the outnumbered Arabs to sue for peace.

Russia Hoarding Gold

Washington, Apr. 21.
Russia was the only big power, apart from the United States, to increase her gold during 1947, a Federal Reserve Board report said today.

Russia, second only to the United States as a gold holding country, had a stock worth \$2,576 million by the beginning of this year.

Her holdings increased by \$175 million during 1947, the report said.

The largest loser of gold last year was Argentina, who exported \$793 million, bringing her stock down to \$280 million.

The next largest losers were Britain, whose net exports in 1947 were \$366 million, and France, with \$319 million exported, bringing her remaining holdings to \$670 million.—Reuter.

Sweden Looks To Defences

Stockholm, Apr. 21.
The Defence Minister, Allan Vought, today asked Parliament for 205,000,000 kronor (approximately US\$4,000,000) for military supplies, declaring that every Swede capable of bearing arms must be prepared to fight in case of war.

The proposition put the emphasis on the air force. According to the proposition, Sweden would get its first wing of night fighter planes. Several wings will get more modern weapons and the mobilization organization be decentralized to make it less vulnerable.

The fleet will get two new destroyers, three submarines and four torpedo boats. "The apparent deterioration of the international situation makes it necessary for us to strengthen our defence in due time," said Mr. Vought.—United Press.

MANILA SIZZLES

Manila, Apr. 21.
Yesterday was Manila's hottest day this year, with a "new" heat record for the year.

The temperature, according to today's official report of the Philippine Weather Bureau, climbed from a sizzling 89 degrees Fahrenheit until it reached 98.1 in the mid-afternoon.—Reuter.

YENAN FALLS

Reds Re-Enter Former Capital

Shanghai, Apr. 22.
Headed by General Peng Teh-hwei, Communist troops were marching into Yen-an today following the Government's "strategic" withdrawal from the former Red capital in north Shensi, according to independent despatches reaching here.

No further details are available here regarding the Nationalist surprise move but it is significant that rumours have been current during the past two days that General Hu Chung-nan who captured Yen-an 13 months ago would be replaced as Shensi commander following the annihilation of two of his best divisions.

Jeepers!

Frankfurt, Apr. 22.
The United States legal authorities informed a German mother today that the fact that her baby was born in a United States Army jeep did not entitle it to American citizenship.—Reuter.

Singapore Election Boycott

London, Apr. 21.
Mr. John Platts Mills, extreme Left Wing Labour Party Member, suggested in the House of Commons today that as only six per cent of the people entitled to vote in the recent Singapore elections voted, this amounted to a complete rejection of the constitution by the Malayan people.

Would the Minister not have a shot at making a constitution which the Malayan people would like better? he asked.

Mr. Christopher Mayhew, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, replied: "It certainly was a small poll, due, I think, to the fact that popular elections are a new experience here. On the other hand, a small poll that is better than a large one that is faked."

This exchange followed a question by Mr. Platts Mills asking how many persons were entitled to register as voters in the recent Singapore elections, how many actually registered, how many voted, and whether the Minister was satisfied that the outcome adequately reflected public opinion in the Malayan Union.—Reuter.

Paraguay Attack Repulsed

Buenos Aires, Apr. 21.
A hundred armed men attacked the Campo Grande military camp at Asuncion, capital of Paraguay, last night with machine-guns and bombs, according to an announcement by the Paraguayan Government tonight.

The announcement said the attackers were repulsed. It added that they were international terrorists with headquarters in the Argentine, and intended to assassinate General Antonio Morones, President of Paraguay, and members of the Government.

The Paraguayan Minister of the Interior announced on April 19 that a Communist plot to overthrow the Paraguayan Government had been thwarted by the arrest of the leaders and the seizure of arms and propaganda material.—Reuter.

Norwegian Appointed

Lake Success, Apr. 22.
The Political Committee of the United Nations General Assembly appointed M. Finn Moe, of Norway, rapporteur to the Committee.

The Committee appointed M. Moe by a large majority. M. Moe has been the permanent representative for Norway to the United Nations since the autumn of 1946. He was a member of the Norwegian delegation to the General Assembly in London in 1946.

Later, M. Moe was attached to the United Nations as political adviser to the Secretary-General.—Reuter.

Russians Blame Viking Pilot

Berlin, Apr. 22.
Stringent new Soviet regulations for aircraft of the Western powers flying over the Soviet zone of Germany were foreshadowed today in the Soviet report of the April 5 Yak-Viking collision near Berlin.

The report suggested that the British should be required to compensate the family of the Soviet pilot killed in the accident and pay the Soviet authorities for the Yak fighter destroyed in the collision.

The report, published in the official Soviet military administration organ "Tass," accused the British of having changed the position of several parts of the Yak wreckage while British guards alone were standing watch over it.

A Russian aircraft, the report said, had taken aerial photographs of the wreckage immediately after the collision, known to the British, and thus the British manipulation of the evidence could be proved.

The report proposed a specific regulation requiring American, British and French planes to obtain permission from the Soviet authorities a day in advance for every flight along the air corridors between Berlin and the West.—Reuter.

The Weather

A weak area of high pressure covers the Eastern Sea and E. of the South China Sea. Pressure is low over Yunan and W. China. A deep depression over N. Korea and another E. of N. Honshu are the main features of the complex low pressure system covering the northern area.

Today's Forecast: Moderate E or SE winds. Cloudy, with morning showers becoming drizzle during the afternoon.

—Met. Dept. Weather Bureau.

Maximum	74.7 deg. F.	Minimum	70.4 deg. F.
Bushiness	1.9 hours		
Relative Humidity	80.1 per cent		
Barometer	30.1 in. Hg.		
Wind	1-16 kts.		
Wind Force	1-16 kts.		
Wind Direction	1-16 kts.		
Wind Speed	1-16 kts.		

2 POLICEMEN CHARGED Demanded Money With Menaces

Two police constables were brought up to Kowloon Magistracy yesterday by Det.-Inspector V. M. Morrison of the Anti-Corruption Squad on a charge of demanding money with menaces from a former professional pickpocket; Wah Shun, at Woosung Street on March 19.

P.C. 1356 Yiu Ping-wah, 26, of Yau-mat Station, was represented by Mr. Alfred Hon. P.C. 1370 Lo Ho-chuen, 26, of the Takung Station, was not legally represented.

Both pleaded not guilty. The complainant, Wan Shun, said that before he became a casual coolie after losing his capital when his goods were seized by police, he was a "professional pickpocket." Most of his friends acquired during his pickpocketing days had gone to Canton. He did not know any constables then.

He was caught once in his career as a pickpocket and sentenced to three months imprisonment. He then turned over a new leaf, getting employment now and then as a coolie.

Assaulted by Lo

On Feb. 26, at 3 p.m. he met the two defendants at the Po Hong Theatre as he was buying a ticket. Both asked him to return \$30. When they claimed he had picked from them, first defendant, at the Mayette Theatre came time ago. He was assaulted by Lo and then taken to Yau-mat Station, where he was assaulted by both men in lavatory of the Station. Lo, who he had been taken through a back door.

Both men were in plain clothes, Wan said. He was released after they had searched him and found only about \$2.00. A month ago, witness related, he went to the Central Bounding House to look for a friend. There he met the defendants again, who asked him: "What about it?" He was taken to Woosung Street near the Chun Shing nevast stall, where both assaulted him again. It was about 11 p.m. and the street was very dark. A large crowd gathered, witness said, and he was taken to somewhere near the Sai Nam Eating House where first defendant searched him and found \$15. Second defendant told his friend not to take the money and struck him again.

Wan said he squatted on the ground for five minutes when the two men left him, and that two friends helped him to a house whence he went home on his own. He met another friend, Cheng Hung, who after hearing what had occurred, arranged a meeting at a tea house with defendants to settle the matter.

On the following day they met at the Wo Ping Ten House. Only Yiu was present. Yiu suggested that he Wan should bring the money to Yiu's house. Wan was given the address on a slip of paper.

Given Address

Wan arranged to send the money at 12 p.m. the following day. Wan went to see Mr. F.W. Shaftan, Senior Superintendent and Officer in charge of the Anti-Corruption Branch, and DSI Morrison. He was given a marked \$30 bill.

He went to Yiu's house with Cheng and brought Yiu to the Shun Yuen Tea House, where the money was handed over. When Yiu left the tea house he was immediately arrested by the police. Under cross-examination by defence counsel, Wan said that he did not know that by local laws he could bring action against the defendants after being beaten several times. He said that he was introduced by a friend to

DSI Morrison. Wan told counsel that he never promised to return the money. He was threatened by the two men, that if he did not give them the money they would "kill me sooner or later."

The more reason that you should have reported the matter to the police when your life was in danger," Mr. Hon suggested. "That is why I went to the higher authority to the Oriental Building to see Mr. Shaftan," Wan replied.

Saw Assault

Cheng Hung, who said he was working as a coolie of the Wing Fat Co., told the Court that he had known Wan for nearly seven years and that he was formerly employed in a restaurant.

He was having tea at the Wo Ping Tea House and saw a crowd collecting outside as he left. He saw the two defendants assaulting Wan.

He followed the three to the Sai Nam Eating House in Woosung Street where he saw the second defendant assaulting Wan and whispering something which he could not hear.

Two friends helped Wan to go to a house in Woosung Street after the defendants left, and from there he went to see Wan, who told him the story. He then agreed to make arrangements for a meeting with the defendant.

A hearing was adjourned to April 26 at 10 a.m.

ROSARY CHURCH WEDDING

A pretty wedding took place at the Church yesterday when Miss Estela Maria Lourdes da Silva became the bride of Mr. Carlos Henriquez Rodriguez, of the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.

The bride entered the church on the arm of her father, Mr. M. A. da Silva, and wore a beautiful gown of white satin with a fine net yoke trimmed with tiny ruffles. She carried a shower bouquet of white gardenias.

The bridegroom's sisters, Misses Carmen and Alice Rodriguez, acted as bridesmaids. They wore charming dresses of pink organdy with a tiny white floral pattern. They carried posies of Chinese asters.

Miss Francis Chan acted as flower girl.

The duties of groomsmen were discharged by Capt. J. S. Rodriguez, M.B.E., and Mr. Antonio E.B. da Sousa.

A reception was held at B. Ashley Road and was well attended by a large number of friends and relatives.

The newly-weds left for their honeymoon at Cheung Chow. The bride chose for her going away dress, pink silk with white accessories.

OPIMUM DIVAN FINE

A fine of \$500 or three months was imposed on a 46-year-old married woman, Wong Ho, who appeared at Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of keeping an opium divan at 30, Wing Kut Street on April 21.

Four opium smokers found on the premises did not appear in court and their bail of \$50 each was extracted.

Insp. Moran prosecuted.

GREEN LIGHT FOR JAPAN

Manila, Apr. 22. The "go" signal has been given to businessmen in the Philippines desirous of re-opening trade with Japan, Mr. William R. Connor, of Foreign Trade Division of SCAP, said here today.

Mr. Connor, who arrived in Manila recently, added that SCAP is interested particularly in stimulating the export of Japanese bulging materials and the import of Philippine minerals and lumber.—Router.

Personalia

Peninsula Hotel arrivals:—P. H. Cobb, C. Taylor, H. A. Parker and A. E. Hopwood.

Peninsula departures:—Mrs. B. B. Chase, Mrs. M. Fay, Mrs. G. Murray, F. L. Worcester, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Place, Mr. and Mrs. G. V. Calhoun, W. B. Connors, Mr. and Mrs. M. Stuessel, Mrs. N. R. Chase, Mrs. H. Aronson and Mrs. C. Heckey.

Passengers by PAA Clipper

"Malay" yesterday:—For Manila:—Mrs. Jane Brindley, William N. Brown, Eugene C. Burton, Miss Leticia Ledesma, Augusto Ferrillo, James K. McElligott, William H. Sharon and Basil Tunison.

For Guam:—Curt Haxthausen, For Honolulu:—David M. Cowlin, Mrs. Christina L. Wang.

Passengers by C.P.A. plane to Manila yesterday included K. Martindale and Roy Farrell.

Arrivals from the United Kingdom by BOAC "Speedbird" flying-boat include Vice-Admiral Claude Barrington, C.B., DSO, who from 1945 to 1946 was Naval Secretary to the First Lord of the Admiralty, and who is in Hong Kong to make an inspection of the naval dockyards.

Aboard the same aircraft were Messrs. R.S. Huthart, P. Balwager, W. P. Chatten, H. J. Watson, L. Gordon, C.A. Pitcher and Capt. A.F.F. Menzies (from the United Kingdom); E.A. Essex, Y. Whaba, A.E. Hopwood and Miss M. Bigio (from Calcutta); Mrs. A. C. Angelo, Mrs. V. A. Stewart, Master I. N. Stewart, Miss Siah Wai-lieu, Wang Chih-shen, Sien Fong-chow and Lindenberg (from Bangkok).

The Singapore and Bangkok BOAC flying-boat yesterday brought in Lt-Col. Boltey, Messrs. S.V. Samford, R. Young, Lim Lul-liang, Pak Nam-len, Ng Tak-tong, Wong Lian-ping, Ching Choo-shuan, Yio Tio-huang, Dia Hong, Mrs. R. Young, Mrs. F. Quimbaro, Mrs. R. Saldana, Mrs. J.G. de Bona and Mrs. A. Daza.

London, Apr. 22. Mr. Robert Bruce, newly appointed British Consul representative in Hong Kong will be leaving to assume his duties in the Colony on April 23. Mr. Bruce is well acquainted with the Orient, having served before the war in the Malay Civil Service and later spent two years in Canton studying the Chinese language.—Central News.

Members of the Women's Auxiliary Air Force serving at R.A.F. Changi, Singapore, have been permitted to wear a new tropical dress, when off duty, of pale blue poplin. It may be worn either socks and "chhappals" (strongly made sandals familiar in India) or with shoes and stockings.

Police patrols were set in motion but an investigation revealed that Cho was only telling a tale. After a day's inquiry, Cho admitted to giving false information.

Sub-Inspector Howarth told the Court at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday the true story of how Cho in an effort to cover his debt misinformed the police.

Cho owed Ho Lo-lai, owner of a cooked food stall outside the Standard-Vacuum Oil Installation, \$12.70 for food taken. He promised to pay back the money to Ho on April 19, but failed to do so.

On April 20 Cho visited the stall and wanted a bowl of rice, which Ho refused to give. Last Wednesday afternoon Cho went again to the stall where he was this time asked to turn out his pockets and pay his debt.

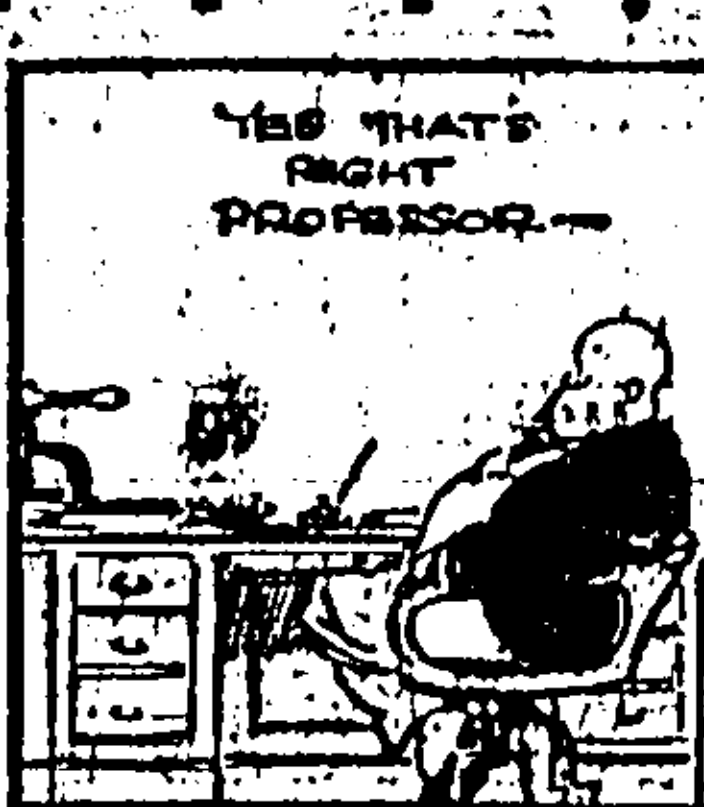
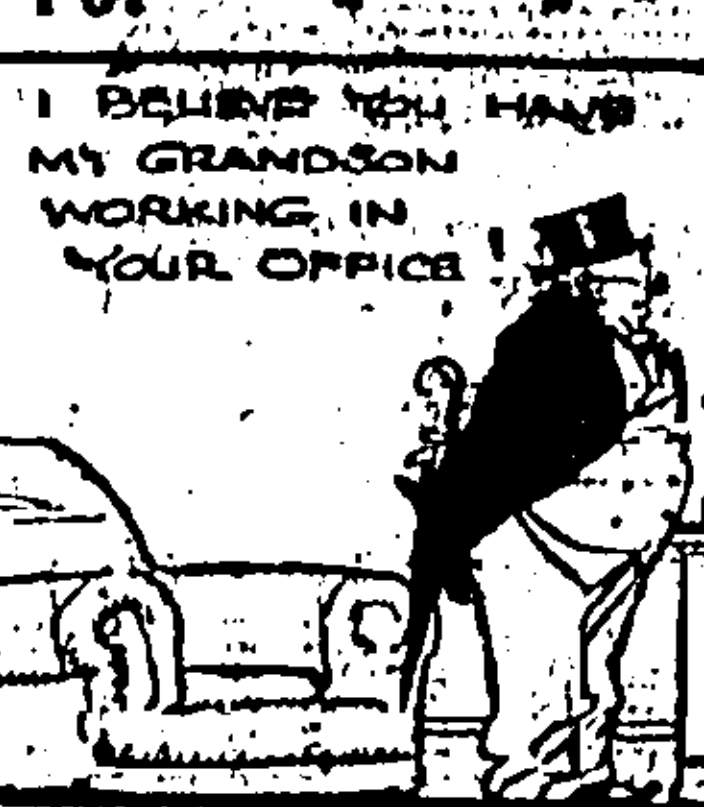
As Cho did so, a \$5 bill dropped out which was picked up by Ho's wife. He refused to return the money taking it as part payment of the debt. Cho promptly made the false report.

Defendant, pleading guilty, had given tickets on his person when searched at the station.

Cho told the Magistrate that he had made a mistake and asked for leniency.

Mr. Blair-Kerr fined him \$250 or two months' hard labour.

POP



Forgot to turn up!



Swatow Cleaner Than Canton

A two-hour observation of the Chinese coastal city of Swatow, by the "China Mail" yesterday showed that the port is well-ahead of the province's capital, Canton, as far as good roads, traffic control, and cleanliness are concerned.

The trip to Swatow was made through the courtesy of the China National Aviation Corporation who yesterday conducted their inaugural-cum-exursion flight from Hong Kong to Swatow.

On board the plane were local newspaper representatives, Hong Kong Rotarians and leading local personalities in the business field.

Mr. F. Y. Ho, General Manager of the CNAC branch in Hong Kong, assisted by one of the ground staff, Miss Alice Chin, accompanied the party to Swatow and back.

A similar flight was made to Canton in the afternoon also with newspapermen and Rotarians.

One and a half hours after taking off from Kai Tak at 7 a.m., the CNAC's twin-engine DC-3 plane, luxuriously equipped with adjustable sofa-seats, landed at the Swatow airfield.

Waiting on the airfield to greet the Hong Kong-Swatow inaugural flight and welcome the visiting party were the Mayor of Swatow, Mr. Li Kuo-ching, officials of the Swatow Municipal Government, and local newspaper representatives.

Following exchange of greetings, the Mayor personally conducted the party by car on a sight-seeing tour of the city.

Leaving Swatow at 11.15 a.m., the CNAC plane circled Swatow and then winged its way back to the Colony over large stretches of flooded paddy fields in the Hailung River District, over the infamous Ping Bay, skirted Chihang Point, graveyard of several ocean-going vessels and across Mira Bay to Kai Tak.

The plane landed at Kai Tak at 12.45 p.m.

Among the guests who flew to Swatow and back were Mr. and Mrs. De Kintow, Messrs. W.L. Miller, W.M. Portridge, J.L. Mount, Downing, H.L. Shaw, L.C. Huang, and several local newspapermen.

CNAC makes daily return flights to Swatow and Amoy and Canton, one to the former two ports and twice daily to the Kwangtung capital.

**FORTUNE TELLER
ROBBED**

A fortune teller conducting his business outside No. 388, Hennessy Road was last night robbed of \$70 by three men, one of whom was armed with a revolver. No arrests have been made up to a late hour last night.

A remand of 48 hours was granted when a woman, Liu Suk-ying, 30, appeared at Central Magistracy yesterday on a charge of being in possession of a dagger and cable and Wireless, Chaler Road on April 21.



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A.W.O.I., P.C. Fined \$300

A 28-year-old ex-police constable appeared at Central Magistracy yesterday on charges of being absent from duty without permission on March 4, 1947, and failing to return accountants' property of the Hong Kong Police, valued at \$300.

Insp. Moran, prosecuting, said that defendant was warned as a constable in a writing dated June 25, 1947, made between the plaintiffs and defendants, the latter agreed to sell and deliver to the plaintiffs 100 dozen pairs of Nylon Stockings at the price of US\$17.75 a dozen. Delivery was to be made within three weeks or by the first available air freight. Upon signing the contract, plaintiffs paid to defendants a deposit of US\$440.

Defendants failed to deliver any of the Nylon Stockings to the plaintiffs. They had also failed to refund to the plaintiffs the deposit paid, although demand for its return had been made. The cost of each pair of stockings worked out to approximately HK\$5.93, while the Government controlled selling price was HK\$1.50. Reckoning the cost price at HK\$6.00 a pair, the loss suffered by plaintiffs came to HK\$9,600.

After evidence in support of the plaintiffs' case had been given by Mr. A. O. Madar, Mr. Justice Williams gave judgment in favour of the plaintiffs for HK\$9,600 and costs.

ANZAC DAY SERVICE

Anzac Day will be commemorated in Hong Kong on Sunday by the Colony's Australians and New Zealanders.

The Commemoration Service, at the Cenotaph at 10 a.m., will be attended by the Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham.

The Royal Marine Band will be in attendance supported by detachments from the Navy (H.M.A.S. "Quibron"), the Army (Gurkhas) and the R.A.F. Following prayers by Mons. Vallot, Roman Catholic Bishop of Hong Kong, and Rev. J.H. Ogilvie, O.B.E., M.A., of St. Andrew's Church, the hymn "Abide with Me" will be sung.

Wreaths will then be placed at the foot of the Cenotaph in the following order:

The Governor, Sir Alexander Grantham, The Anzac Wreath (Major E. de Salles Robertson, M.M., E.D., H.K.V.D.C., and W.E. Parrott), The Australian Trade Commissioner (Mr. R. Hazzard), Hon. Agent for the Government of the Dominion of New Zealand, (Mr. C.S. Ramsay), Mr. J. S. Trade Commissioner, Canadian Trade Commissioner (Mr. K.F. Noble), Consular Body H.K. R.N.V.R., Commandant, H.K.V.D.C. (Col. I. T. Ride, C.B.E.), Returned Sailors, Soldiers and Airmen's Imperial League of Australia (Lt. Col. H. G. Guinn, D.S.O.), New Zealand Returned Services Association (Mr. C.S. Ramsay), Mr. J. S. Trade Commissioner, S.C.A. after which the "Last Post" will be sounded followed by a two-minute silence, the "Reveille" and the "National Anthem."

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\$9,600 Damages Awarded For Contract Breach

Damages in the sum of \$9,600 and costs were awarded yesterday by Mr. Justice R. H. Williams (Chief Justice), to The International Import and Export Co., (plaintiffs), who brought an action against Sherman and Company (defendants), for breach of a contract for the sale and purchase of 100 dozen pairs of Nylon Stockings.

The damages were based on the difference between the cost price of HK\$6.00 a pair and the controlled selling price of HK\$14.00 a pair.

Mr. B. A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. F. D. Humphrey of Messrs. Johnson Stokes & Master, appeared for the plaintiffs. The defendants did not enter an appearance.

Outlining the case for the plaintiffs, Mr. Bernacchi said that by a contract in writing dated June 25, 1947, made between the plaintiffs and defendants, the latter agreed to sell and deliver to the plaintiffs 100 dozen pairs of Nylon Stockings at the price of US\$17.75 a dozen. Delivery was to be made within three weeks or by the first available air freight. Upon signing the contract, plaintiffs paid to defendants a deposit of US\$440.

Defendants failed to deliver any of the Nylon Stockings to the plaintiffs. They had also failed to refund to the plaintiffs the deposit paid, although demand for its return had been made. The cost of each pair of stockings worked out to approximately HK\$5.93, while the Government controlled selling price was HK\$1.50. Reckoning the cost price at HK\$6.00 a pair, the loss suffered by plaintiffs came to HK\$9,600.

After evidence in support of the plaintiffs' case had been given by Mr. A. O. Madar, Mr. Justice Williams gave judgment in favour of the plaintiffs for HK\$9,600 and costs.

**Too Many
Brick Cases**

"A lot of these brick cases are appearing in Court, and they cause the Police a lot of work. In many cases the bricks are simply left lying around with no attempt at protecting them. The owners are quite content to trust to the Police to protect them. I think owners of bricks should make some effort to safeguard their property."

Sub-Inspector Howarth told the Court at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday when a 30-year-old unemployed, Ho Yan, was charged with the unlawful possession of 20 bricks.

Ho, who had a previous conviction, pleaded guilty. He was sentenced to a month's hard labour by Mr. Blair-Kerr.

Defendant was arrested last Wednesday at Bukley Street near Gilles Avenue, and inside the two buckets he was carrying were found 20 bricks, which he said were picked up from vacant ground near Bukley Street.

Reminders

Today

Annual Inspection by Governor of St. John's Ambulance Brigade, South China A.A. ground, 5.30 p.m.

Kowloon Rotary Club Luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Dedication of Hammond Organ at St. Paul's, 8 p.m.

Wreath-laying Ceremony at Cenotaph by St. George's Society, 9 a.m.; screening of "While the Sun Shines" at Leo Theatre, 9.30 p.m.

Classical Recorded Music, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Tomorrow

Hong Kong Light Orchestra concert, European YMCA.

Talpo Rural Orphanage "At Home", 2.30 p.m.

Vocal Concert by Miss Judy Chan & Kari Chen, Roof Garden, H.K. Hotel, 8.30 p.m.

Sunday

Recorded Classical Concert, Too It Club, Talbot House, 5 p.m.

MacDonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

Anzac Day Commemoration Service and wreath laying at Cenotaph, 10 a.m.

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Alleged Police Threatened To Break His Bones

Allegations that he had been beaten up by the Police, who are also alleged to have threatened to break his bones if he did not confess, were made by Wong Hung, 20, Sanitary Department coolie, at the Criminal Sessions yesterday, where he is standing trial on charges of attempted murder and causing grievous bodily harm to his wife, Chung Choi-yeo.

On conclusion of testimony by prosecution witnesses, Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge), before whom the case is being heard, requested the jury to retire pending argument as to the admissibility of certain statements alleged by accused to have been made by him under duress.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel assisted by Det. H. T. Matches, is conducting the case for the prosecution.

In the course of his opening, Mr. Reynolds said that accused was employed as a coffin carrier at No. 7 Cemetery. He lived with his wife and mother at 1 Tung Fong Street, 1st floor. On Jan. 22, accused returned from work at about 5 p.m. For the evening meal, a chicken was killed. Accused had half a bottle of wine with his food.

After the meal, accused and his wife went out together. They took a bus to Kai Tak and then walked up Customs Pass Road. When they came to No. 7 Cemetery, they climbed up a hill. The wife would tell the Court that accused asked her about some gold finger rings and when she told him she had lost them, he struck her on the head with an instrument. She would also say that she then ran into an air raid tunnel, pursued by accused, who against struck her on the head. She collapsed and remembered nothing more.

Police Notified
According to the accused's mother, the accused returned home at about 11 p.m. and asked where his wife was. Later, accused and his mother searched the streets of Shamshuipo and Mongkok for the wife and when they failed to find her, a report was made to the Police at about midnight. Some time after 8 a.m. the next day, the wife was discovered lying unconscious in the tunnel.

About two feet from her were a pool of blood and the head of a pick-axe, the broad end

of which was stained with what would be proved to be blood. The Police were informed and the woman taken to Kowloon Hospital.

On the way down the hill, they met accused, who began to cry and said that the woman was his wife and that she had been missing since the previous night. Accused was taken back to the Police Station, where he was questioned regarding his movements the previous night.

On Jan. 23, accused was requested to call at the Kowloon City Police Station, where he was informed that his wife had recovered. He then made a statement, which would be given in evidence. Accused subsequently took a detective to No. 7 Cemetery and also to a goldsmith shop to which 7.5 maces of gold had been sold.

Accused was formally charged with attempted murder and causing grievous bodily harm and in answer to these charges, made statements.

Chung Choi-yeo, who was called to testify, said she had been married to accused for four years. On the evening of the incident, she asked her husband to go out for a walk after the evening meal. The weather was rather hot and she believed that by going for a walk, they would be able to cool themselves.

Hostile Witness
After they reached the hill, she took off her coat and her husband asked her about three gold finger rings. She replied that she had lost them and he then slapped her. She ran into the air raid tunnel, followed by her husband, who gave her a push. She fell down, fainted and remembered nothing more.

Mr. Reynolds then applied to treat the wife as a hostile witness, but the application was refused by Mr. Justice Gould, who held that it was too early to decide.

Resuming her testimony, Chung said she did not know how she came to be in hospital or how she received the wounds in the head. She added that they might have been caused by a fall. Accused pushed her in the back with his hand and she fell down. At this point, Mr. Reynolds again applied to the Court for leave to treat Chung as a hostile witness and the application was granted by Mr. Justice Gould.

Chung was then questioned at length regarding testimony she had given at the Magistrate's.

Evidence in support of the prosecution case was also given by Dr. Pang Teng-cheung, Siu Shih, So Lim, Kwok Tim and Chu Kwong.

No Alternative
In his cross-examination of Chinese Police Sergeant Tam Chung, accused alleged that the latter beat him up and caused a wound to his chest. Accused also alleged that Tam, together with another person, beat him while his arms were upstretched and handcuffed. Accused said that he was beaten to such an extent that he had no alternative but to confess.

Accused alleged that Tam threatened to break his bones if he refused to confess and also if he made any complaint to the Inspector about being beaten up.

Inspector H. T. Matches said, in answer to a question by Mr. Justice Gould, that he did not notice from accused's appearance that he had been beaten up. Accused made no complaint to him that he had been beaten. No violence was offered accused in his sight or within his knowledge.

After Inspector Matches had left the witness box and Leung Wah-sing, Police Interpreter, was testifying, accused alleged that he was also slapped by Inspector Matches who held him by the scruff of the neck while doing so.

Recalled, Inspector Matches denied accused's allegation. On Mr. Reynolds' intimating



Four Hurt In Bus Crash

Mrs. L. Chadwick-Kew, wife of Mr. L. C. Kew, accountant of Butterfield and Swire, was among four persons injured in a traffic accident yesterday.

Mrs. Kew was admitted to the Queen Mary Hospital with a fractured arm and badly bruised leg. The other three persons, including a bus driver and conductor more fortunate, were discharged from hospital after having their injuries treated.

Bus No. 4177, driven by Lee Kim, was travelling with four passengers, including Mrs. Kew, from Shaikwan to town when the accident occurred yesterday morning. It was raining heavily at the time.

When near the National Park and Lacquer factory, King's Rd., the bus suddenly skidded to the left, climbed the pavement and crashed amidship into a tramway cable standard.

The force of the impact was so great that the standard was wedged into the centre of the vehicle's body. Picture above shows the wreckage.

Possessed Unwholesome Food
Charged with possession of unwholesome food, Man Siu and Ho Tak-on were each sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

Defendants were cautioned on three other charges of trespassing on the KCR tracks at Boundary Street on April 20, committing a negligent act, and possession of unstamped meat, unfit for human consumption.

Defendants were arrested in Boundary Street at 7.15 p.m. and both admitted they had received the 103 catties of meat from a friend who had travelled in a KCR train.

Second defendant told the Court that the first defendant was only assisting him and had nothing to do with the meat. He requested the Court to let him (first defendant) off.

Sub-Inspector Howarth said that the meat was found to be totally unwholesome. The animal had died from natural causes. It had definitely not been slaughtered and was unfit for human consumption. The meat was limited, diseased and deteriorating.

INFORMATION WANTED
The Colonial Secretariat would be glad of any information of the whereabouts of the following list of people:—

Burns-Brown Mrs. V., Butcher Samuel Frederick, Briggs Mrs. A.R., Clarke Mrs. R.E., Cook C.J., Cross Mrs. Louise, Mary Dallinga Mrs. E.J., Doering Mrs. M.M., Donaldson Mrs. W.F., Dracway Mrs. G., Hawkes W.A., Haynes Mrs. M., Hollands Mrs. D., Horowitz J., Howlett Mrs. M., Howie J.W., Hudson J.W., Jephson H., Lopes D.V., MacAlister D., McLellan Miss Johanna Hepburn, Penn Captain A.H., Remedios A.A., Rosa A.A., Sequeira J.O., Silva L.J., Smith Miss N.

that no further witnesses were being called by the Crown. Mr. Justice Gould directed the jury to retire, but to return again at 10.30 a.m. today, when hearing will be resumed.

Wireless Station Seized

Existence of a complete radio telecommunication station at No. 47, Kilung Street, first floor, was revealed at Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday when three men were brought up before Mr. Blair-Kerr charged with operating an illegal wireless station and with being the principal tenant of the premises where the station was located.

Tong Kwong, 25, unemployed, and Ho Cheung, 36, travelling trader, were charged with the illegal operation of the station and unlawful possession of telecommunication apparatus. Ting Wan-hon, 37, was charged with being the occupier of the flat, wherein the illegal station operated.

Det. Insp. W.G. Morrison prosecuted, while Mr. C.A. Sutherland represented the defence.

DSI Morrison told the Court that acting on a warrant he raided No. 47 Kilung Street, first floor, at 10.30 a.m. on April 17. He found in the rear room the first defendant sitting in front of a wireless transmitting set with a telephone on a table nearby. In the living room were the other defendants, who were both in pyjamas.

Ting said he was the principal tenant of the premises. Wires led from a two-way switch to the aerial above the roof and to a radio room. A receiving set was also found together with a code book and about 250 code messages. Rent receipts seized showed the defendants had been in the flat since 1945.

Mr. James Key, Tele-communication Inspector, G.P.O., said he was called by police and found the sets still in his arrival. The transmitter had been working for some time prior to that.

Hearing was adjourned till Saturday morning.

CONFISCATION ORDERS

Among the confiscation orders made at Kowloon Magistrate's yesterday were some for \$1,500, a revolver with four rounds of ammunition, and CN\$186,280,000.

The HK\$1,500, which came into police custody during investigations into certain alleged criminal dealings by officers of the China Waterway Transport, a subsidiary of the CNREA between February and March 1947, was given to the Poor Box.

The revolver was found lying in the Temple Street. No arrest was made.

The Chinese currency concerned Mah Boon-chuen, 35, of Han-tow, had CN\$159,760,000 in excess of the Government-CN\$5,000,000 limit when he arrived at the KCR last Wednesday.

Ho Fong-poo, 32, merchant of Szechuan, likewise was found to possess CN\$28,520,000 in excess at the KCR.

Defendants protested that the amount set by the Hong Kong Government was not sufficient for the Chinese travellers.

Mr. Latimer remarked that the regulation was consistent with the Chinese Government's request to cooperate with them in controlling the flow of Chinese currency into and from the Colony.

The extra amount was confiscated.

Readers' Letters

Sympathy
Sir,—As one who didn't even make ten cents' profit last year, may I say how much we all sympathize with the Hong Kong Land Investment Company which, owing to the "detrital effect" of the Landlord and Tenant Ordinance on the progressive development of the Colony, was only able to make a net profit of \$1,083,000.00. I just don't see how they manage to make ends meet.

TENANT.

So Verbose!
Sir,—Some time ago I was an interested reader of your "Readers' Letters" page—the subjects were many and varied—but the "tone" appears to have been lowered of late by the puerile, pin-pricking (but so verbosely) patter of a couple of "Simpletons" and "Woodheads" (interposed by the remarks of deadheads).

A more appropriate settlement, methinks, could be made in a boxing ring and simultaneously provide more congenial entertainment for a much larger section of the public of Hong Kong. I am, moreover, surprised to find a newspaper padding a whole page with such nonsense in these turbulent days of "Peace." May a halt please be made to the whole silly business and let a few interesting people have a say in more immediate matters.

BORED STIFF.

U.K. Bacon
Sir,—In fairness to a Dominion which has always done all it could, and a little more, to help its Mother Country, may I voice a mild protest at a heading on Page 6 of Thursday's issue of the "China Mail"—namely, "U.K. Bacon to Cost More." Should this not read "U.K. Bacon to cost Canada more?" It is particularly stressed in the news item that the increase will not raise the cost of bacon to the United Kingdom.

CANUCK.

Officers' Clubs
Sir,—On page one of the China Mail "Wednesday Supplement" appears the remark, "The N.A.A.F.I. Authorities in Hong Kong have recently spent over \$10,000 on renovations to the interior of the Harcourt Club—at present the only Officers' Club in the Colony." An error lies in the statement that the Harcourt Club is the only Officers' Club in the Colony for this Club is also an Officers' Club of which I would like to give you details.

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Cheers for Simple Simon

Sir,—I have followed all that has been written by Simple Simon and his two adversaries, and I am all out for Simple Simon. Half a dozen more persons like Simple Simon would do us a world of good. Our lot may perhaps be improved in every respect! Cheers and success to you, Simon!

Enlightened is also to be congratulated for his letter in today's issue. He has done well to expose the cause of the white-collar class, nonetheless Simple Simon. Cheers to you two, too! Enlightened that we clerks, stenographers, salesgirls, etc. come forward together and work for our own interests and protection. But how? Given financial backing we may probably work up some scheme by which we can work on "our terms." Let me win the Lantao Cashsweep and I shall be the Wall Street of Hong Kong with a superb headquarters! Meanwhile let everybody think seriously for his or her own good.

GRIEVED WHITE-COLLAR.

Simple Simon Once More

Sir,—I regret that I must again trespass on your valuable space, but it is obvious that Mr. Woodhead, Mr. Marsh and A.D.R. who are consistently evading the points in issue, are determined to prolong this correspondence by bringing up irrelevant matters in the hope that they will, by their persistency and annoying tactics, divert my attention into other channels. In this, they are not likely to succeed, so I would suggest that they had better return to the points in issue or else remain silent.

The first sentence of Mr. Woodhead's letter in yesterday's issue of your paper would appear to indicate that he is the author of the letter signed "Moth and Goose" in your issue of the 10th inst., but I presume that it would be rank discourtesy, unwarranted impertinence and nonsensical on my part to suggest that a journalist of Mr. Woodhead's reputation should stoop to the using of a non-de-plume.

I may be a simpleton, but I certainly do not make it a habit to misquote the law. I am somewhat surprised to observe that Mr. Woodhead, with his experience, does not even know the simple rudiments of the laws of his own country. The legal dictum quoted by me was extracted from Halsbury's Laws of England and is supported by a number of authorities appearing in the English & Empire Digest, Indemnity and Cocker's Cases and Statutes. I presume Mr. Woodhead will argue that Halsbury and all other authorities are wrong while he is right. It has never been suggested that Mr. Woodhead was responsible for certain vices and conditions existing in this Colony. The existence of these vices and conditions was put forward by me. Mr. Woodhead declined my invitation to carry out a tour of the Colony. He claimed that he knew all about Hong Kong and its problem. In view of this admission and attitude, it has been assumed that Mr. Woodhead knows of the existence of such vices and conditions but by his silence, tacitly approves of their existence.

Far from proving that I have advocated free education for all children and that the Colony can undertake old age pension and other benefits to all who come here, Mr. Woodhead's quotation of the last paragraph of my letter of 14th inst., clearly proves that my denial on this point was justified and still holds good. The comments made by Mr. Woodhead in the last paragraph of his letter can be regarded as pure trash and not worthy of a reply. Anyway, Mr. Woodhead, who usually obtains his information from handbooks and official handouts, should have no difficulty in obtaining the information he requires.

I am afraid that Mr. Marsh, who had hoped to throw my statements back in my teeth, is likely to find that his quotations of extracts from my letters of 12th and 14th inst., respectively, are likely to have a boomerang effect. The extracts quoted by Mr. Marsh tend to show, beyond all doubt, that I did not state, as alleged by him, "that the average European or American who comes to Hong Kong is dumb, inefficient and barely able to write his own name." Since Mr. Marsh does not appear to be able to understand simple English, I would suggest that in future he make sure of his facts before rushing into print.

In connection with the letter of A.D.R. I will simply confine myself to denying the allegations he has made. The remainder of his comments being dismissed with the contempt they deserve. Finally, for the benefit of Messrs. Woodhead, Marsh and A.D.R. I would state that unless they are prepared to confine themselves to the points in issue, I am not going to waste your valuable space or my time by replying to letters on extraneous matters.

SIMPLE SIMON.

ST. JOHN'S AMBULANCE

Orders by Comm. A. el Arcuelli, Commissioner St. J.A.B. Hong Kong District, dated 14/48 dated April 22, 1948.

PARADES:
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Shaukiwan Div. Tai Koo Chinese School Saturday April 24.
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April 24 to April 10 H.K.M.C.A. Div.
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May 8 to May 14 Central Div.
AMBULANCE DUTIES KOWLOON
April 24 to May 3, May 8, May 9, May 10 to May 16 Shamshuipo Div.

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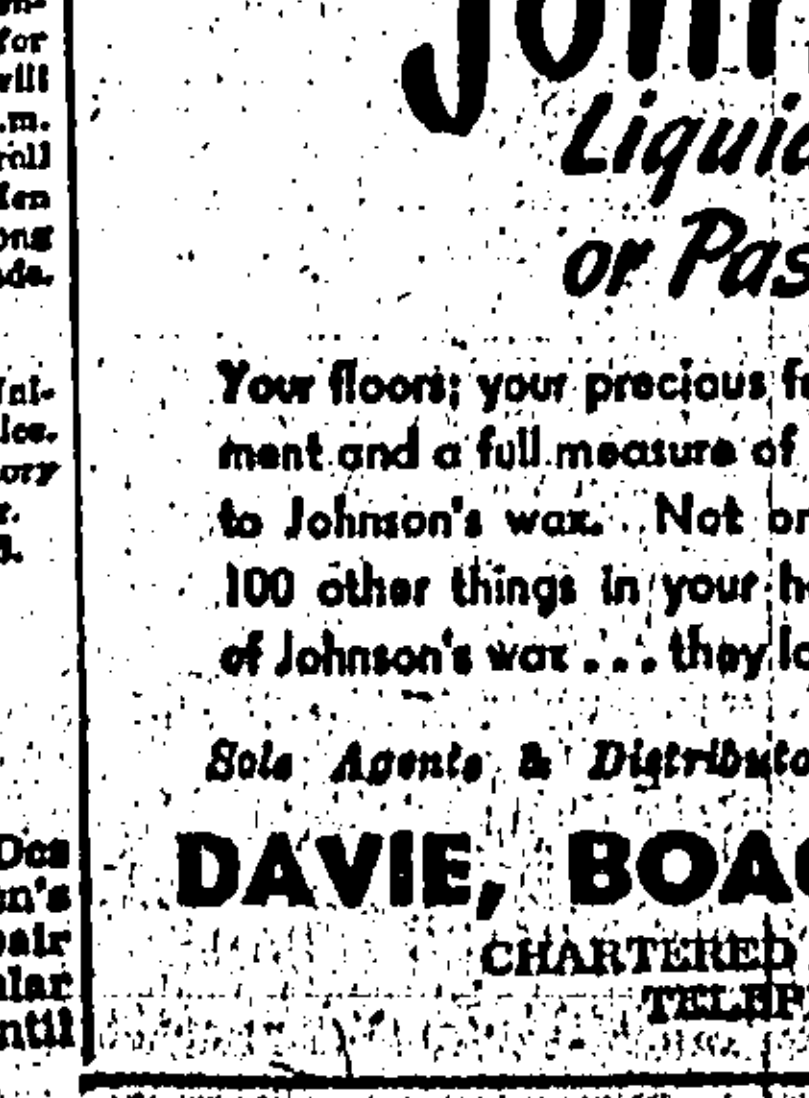
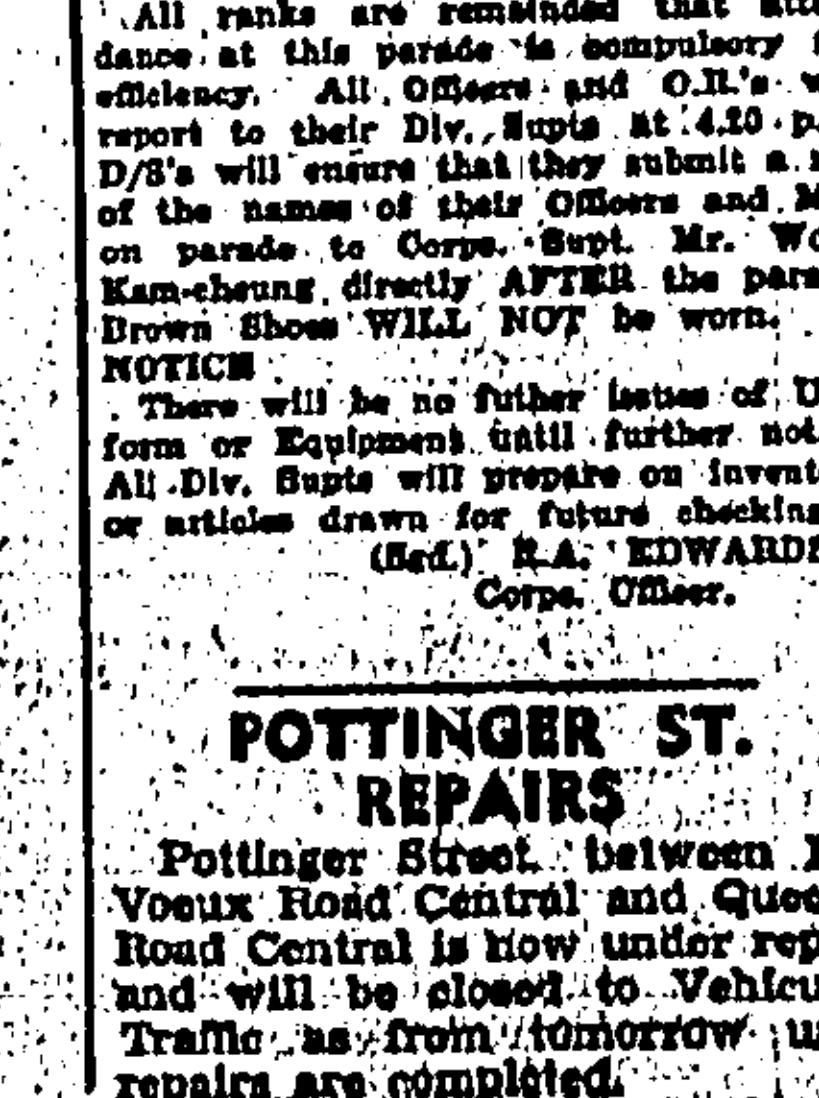
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Notice To Shareholders

ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at 12.15 p.m., or at such time as the Ordinary Annual Meeting of Members to be held at the same place at Noon shall terminate, for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following Special Resolution:—

"That the New Articles of Association produced to the Meeting, and for the purpose of identification subscribed by David Fortune Landale, Chairman of the Company, and adopted as the Articles of Association of the Company in substitution for and to the exclusion of all existing Articles of Association of the Company."

A copy of the Proposed New Articles can be inspected by any Shareholder at the Offices of the Company during the usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors. C. E. TERRY, Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

Notice To Shareholders

ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty-Seventh Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at Noon, to receive and consider the Report of the Board of Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th April, 1948, to 28th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors. C. E. Terry, Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Board Room of the Company, Room No. 303, Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on Tuesday the 27th April, 1948, at noon for the following purposes:—

1. To receive and consider the Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet and the Report of the Directors and Auditors thereon.
2. To elect Directors.
3. To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration.
4. To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be closed from the 18th April 1948 to the 27th April 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

H. G. CRAIG, Chief Manager.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The SIXTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Office of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Friday, 28th May, 1948, at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, and electing Directors and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 21st May, 1948, to 10th June, 1948, inclusive.

By Order of the Board, JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers.

Hong Kong, 22nd April, 1948.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Sixty-third Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on Friday, the 14th May, 1948, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1947.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 30th April to the 14th May, 1948, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., General Agents, THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Hong Kong, 23rd April, 1948.

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IN THE GOODS OF JOHN ROSS, late of Victoria in the Colony of Hongkong, Gentleman deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Court has by virtue of Section 58 of the Probates Ordinance 1897, made an Order limiting the time for creditors and others to send in their claims against the above estate to the 12th day of May, 1948.

ALL creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

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"Battle Havens" In Jerusalem

Jerusalem, Apr. 21.

The Committee of the International Red Cross in Palestine announced today that both Arabs and Jews have given a formal written assurance affirming their willingness to apply and respect the Geneva Convention of 1929 in any Palestine hostilities.

The conference was suddenly interrupted by an announcement by Mr. Richard Stubbs, the Palestine Government chief information officer: "I have just received a telephone warning that the building we are now sitting in (the six-storey Public Information Office) is going to be blown up."

The warning was ignored and the conference continued.

M. Jacques de Renier, the Red Cross delegate in Palestine, denounced attacks against vehicles bearing the Red Cross, the Arab Red Crescent and the Jewish Red Shield.

He strongly condemned as "repugnant to the true soldier" the massacre of civilians and the mutilation of the dead.

"Battle havens," capable of holding 150,000 women and children of both sides and possibly the aged and sick will be located roughly in the area of the Government House and in the Franciscan building around Terra Sancta, M. de Renier said.

Appeal To Public

He appealed to public opinion to assist the Red Cross, the Red Shield and the Red Crescent authorities to protect and save the lives of non-combatants in the imminent struggle. During the conference, British Sappers searched the building but found no explosives.

Wide powers to safeguard the British lines of withdrawal from Palestine and protect military equipment between May 15, when the mandate ends, and August 1 (the target date for the completion of the withdrawal) were announced tonight in a communiqué from British Military Headquarters.

Lieutenant-General G.H.A. MacMillan, Commander-in-Chief in Palestine, is given powers similar to those accorded officers commanding troops in occupation armies.

Arab Claim

In Damascus, today's communiqué from the headquarters of the Arab Liberation Army reported that Soviet Russian combatants are serving in various capacities with Hagana in Palestine.

POLICE NOTICE

It is hereby notified that Pottinger Street between Des Voeux Road Central and Queen's Road Central is now under repair and will be closed to Vehicular Traffic as from Saturday, 24th April, 1948, until repairs are completed.

COMMISSIONER OF POLICE.

Hong Kong, 22nd April, 1948.

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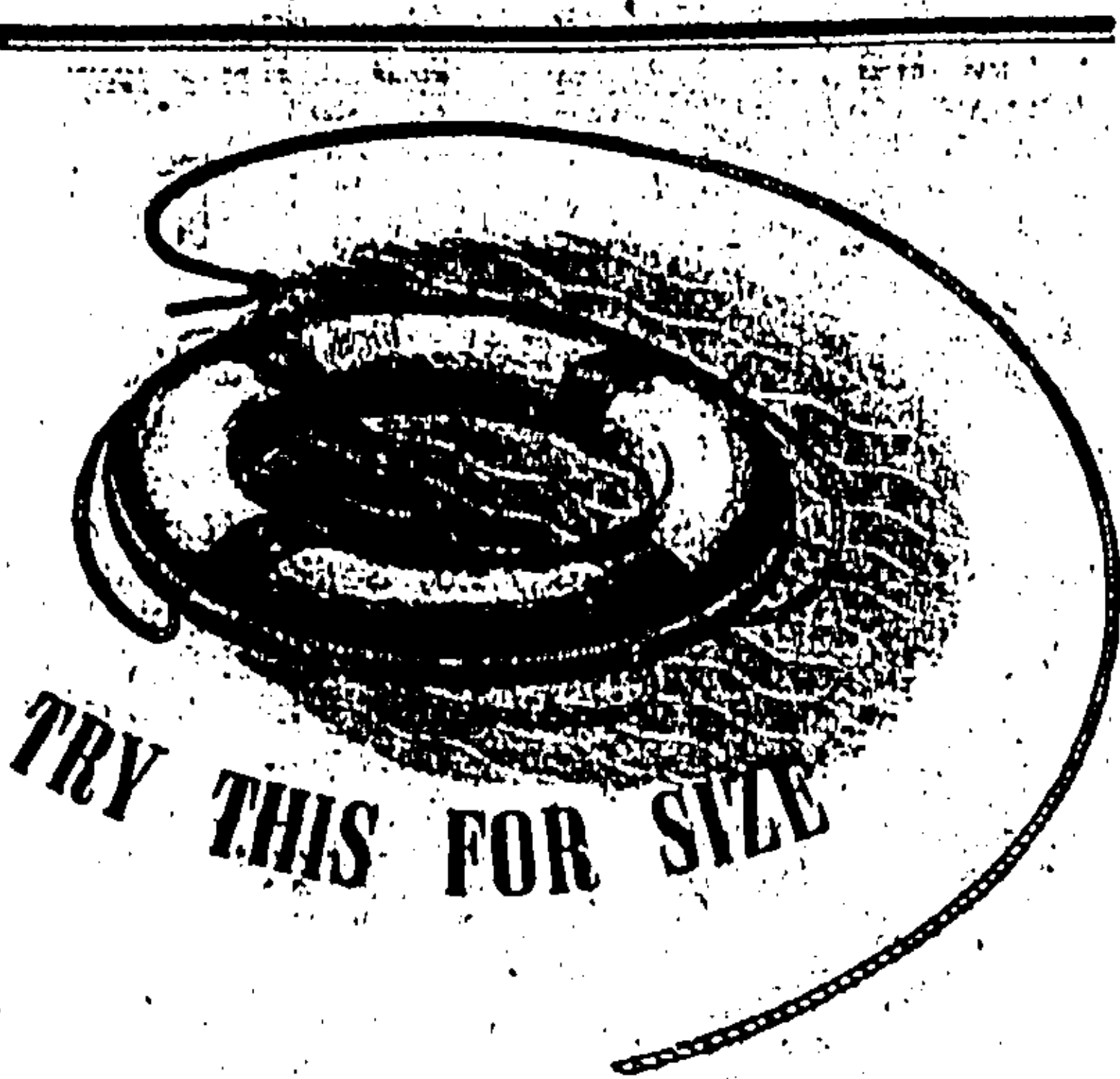
L. STARBUCK, Acting Director, Royal Observatory.

Hong Kong, 20th April, 1948.

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U.S. LOOKS TO ITS DEFENCES Increase in Air Forces And Army

Recommendations To Senate

Washington, Apr. 21. Defence Secretary James V. Forrestal today approved a 66-group air force—a compromise between the 55 he had previously asked and the 70 already voted overwhelmingly by the House.

To keep the armed forces "balanced," he also asked for a larger army than he had previously urged. And he requested US\$481,000,000 more to pay for the revised defence plan.

His recommendations were made before a closed session of the Senate Armed Services Committee, but his statement was made public later.

The sister committee in the House, the Armed Services Committee, earlier had been told by the head of the Armed Forces Research Board that it should pass a law to put every man in the country in government during a war.

Not Enough
Dr. Vannevar Bush, chairman of the Army, Navy, Air Force Research and Development Board, said temporary selective service, universal military training and a bigger air force were not enough.

Forrestal's newest recommendations were cleared with President Harry Truman before the Defence Secretary hurried to the Senate to testify before the committee studying a draft UMT measure asked by the administration.

Chairman Chan Gurney, South Dakota Republican, of the Committee, said the revised defence programme calls for a temporary draft, approval of long-range UMT, and expansion of man-

More Money

It also calls for more money—US\$14,461,000,000 instead of the previously estimated US\$14,000,000,000 for the fiscal year starting July 1.

The latest estimates of manpower by Forrestal today were: Army—700,000 men and officers.

Navy, Marines—552,000.

Air Force—453,000.

Compared with previous administration requests, today's figures increase the size of the Army and Air Force and leave the Navy-Marine Corps unchanged. All figures are far above current strength, however.—Associated Press.

Novel Suicide Attempt

Shanghai, Apr. 22. A modern version of Poe's "Purloined Letter."

Miss Chang Mei-chuan, 16-year-old Chinese girl, swallowed the heads of three boxes of matches in an attempt to commit suicide when she learned that her mother suppressed a letter to her from her boy friend, Chiu Shen-hsing, 19, in which he asked her to meet him in a train from Nanking.

Learning of the purloined letter, the girl swallowed match heads. Her mother learned of the deed soon after and the girl was rushed to hospital where she is out of danger.—United Press.

Mystery Of A Speaker

London, Apr. 22. Dr. Vindimir Krnjina, Secretary-General of the Czech Socialist Party now in exile here, disclosed today that Jozka David, speaker of the Czech Parliament and most prominent non-Communist supporting the new Czech Government, had escaped to the American Zone of Germany and was expected to arrive in London soon.

David was vice-premier in the Czech Government in 1945, and a member of the Action Committee which purged the Czech Socialist Party (of which he was a member). He retained his post as Speaker under the new Government.

In Prague the Czechs were mystified today by the report that David was in Germany. David was present in person at Wilson Station, Prague at 7 p.m. tonight when the Bulgarian Premier, Georgi Dimitroff, arrived and was scheduled to receive Dimitroff officially at Parliament tomorrow morning.—United Press.

Essen, Apr. 22. A total of 1,100 German students who left school at Easter have been recruited to serve three to four years apprenticeship in the Ruhr coal mines. The total is higher than after any school-leaving date of the past 10 years.—Reuter.

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12.15 p.m.—Catholic Prayers by the Rev. Father Gallagher, S.J.
12.30 p.m.—Daily Programme Summary.
12.32 p.m.—Military Band Music (With 'Vocal').

1.00 p.m.—Songs by Grace Fields.
1.15 p.m.—News, Weather Report and Announcements.

1.25 p.m.—Orchestral Interlude.
1.30 p.m.—A Programme of English Music.

2.00 p.m.—Close Down.
4.00 p.m.—Programme Summary.
6.01 p.m.—Children's Hour (Studio).

"Let's all sing"—Songs for Boys and Girls, introduced by Donald Fraser.

6.30 p.m.—"One Night Stand" Presented by Philip Burn, (Studio).
7.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

7.15 p.m.—"You Asked For It" Variety Request Programme presented by Lynn Fraser.

8.00 p.m.—"Fiddle Varieties" "What do you know about Shakespeare?" A Programme for Shakespeare's Birthday (B.O.T.S.).

8.30 p.m.—Popular Classics.
9.00 p.m.—World and Home News (London Relay).

9.15 p.m.—Weather Report.
9.18 p.m.—"The Film Man's Guide to Shakespeare" (B.O.T.S.).
9.45 p.m.—Sensational Ceremonies of the Order of the Garter from St. George's Chapel, Windsor, (London Relay).

10.45 p.m.—Dance to Joe Lee and His Orchestra.
10.50 p.m.—Close Down.

CONFISCATED BY SOVIET

Berlin, Apr. 21. The Soviet authorities today confiscated the equipment of construction companies having head offices in the Western sectors of the city. Early this morning received letters notifying them that all their property in the Soviet sector had been sequestered, including machinery and small gauge railways.—Reuter.

Textile Shares In Demand

Shanghai, Apr. 22. Powerful stock and share syndicates are making preparations to buy up China Textile Industries' shares, which will shortly be issued in connection with the Government's project of selling part of the assets of this State enterprise to check inflation, according to the "China Press" this morning.

Shares amounting to two-thirds of an estimated total of CN\$2,000,000 million are expected to be placed on the market in the near future. The value of this State enterprise, which consists of huge cotton textile mills in Shanghai, Tientsin and Tsingtao, was assessed on the basis of official land prices prevailing in April last year. Since then, land prices have appreciated immensely.

The estimate does not cover machinery and factory equipment.—Reuter.

New Delhi, Apr. 22. A Swedish airline will operate between Sweden and India under an agreement reached here between representatives of the two countries. The agreement will be submitted to the two Governments for approval. The route will be discussed later.—Reuter.

Bombers' Mission To Orient

Gainsborough, Apr. 21. A squadron of six Lincoln bombers and supporting transport aircraft will leave an aerodrome near here next Wednesday for Singapore on an exercise designed to show how the Royal Air Force can provide, at short notice, a striking force on the other side of the globe.

The exercise will also give experience in the reinforcement of the Far East by bombers. Eight days will be spent in Ceylon in exercises on the way to Singapore, which will be reached on May 9.

The squadron will return to Britain about one month later, having flown 20,500 miles on the exercise. A Straits Settlements squadron, which saw service in the Far East during the war and took part in major European operations, has been selected. The squadron will be fully provided with spares and ground staff, three York transports being due to leave with the ground staff on Monday. Two more will fly with the bombers.—Reuter.

New Freight Rates

London, Apr. 22. The disparity between freight rates obtainable in dollars or convertible sterling (which equals dollars) and those obtainable in inconvertible sterling has now been extended from tanker freights to dry cargoes.

For a voyage from River Plate to Britain, a Canadian ship recently accepted 52/3 convertible sterling while the British Government's controlled rate in inconvertible sterling is 80/6. This Canadian rate reflects a surplus of tonnage in River Plate as well as scarcity of dollars and may alter shortly if Argentine grain shipments, including new crop maize, is enlarged.

For the big Austrian grain movement to Britain, the British Government recently raised the inconvertible rate, whereas on the other routes, ship-owners, who insist on dollars or convertible sterling have been accepting lower rates.—Reuter.

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TO-MORROW'S PROBLEM
S J 6
H 7 6 5 2
D 9 4 2
C 8 7 4 3

S 9 2
H K Q 10
D A Q 8
C J 6 2

S 10 7 4
H A J 8
D K J 10
C A Q 10 5

(Dealer: South. Neither side vulnerable.)
What should East do if South's 1-No Trump is passed to him?

(Dealer: East. North-South vulnerable.)
East South West North
1 C 1 D Pass 1 H
1 H 1 NT Pass 2 H
Pass 2 NT Pass 3 NT

Bidding about like that brought two Souths of a tournament into the same contract, one making it and one failing. Each West led the club 5, the 7 going on from dummy and the fate of the contract depended on what East then did.

One East took that first trick with the Q, also scored the K and A and then led the 8 to the J to put South in. The declarer followed with three tricks in diamonds, a diamond given up to West, and then the rest of the

tricks no matter what that worthy led.

The other East was one of the world's truly great players, Theodore A. Lightner, whose action illustrated that the biggest difference between fine and ordinary players comes in the simple things rather than in the involved guesses, throw-ins and coups. His play to the first trick was based on the most elementary kind of card-reading.

First, he could count on South having the clubs stopped since the No Trump was bid after the suit had been shown. Hence South surely had the club J. He, however, could not have had more than four, as in that case West would have had a singleton and so should not have led the suit. Hence, counting West for a doubleton, he put on his club 8. South of course won with the J. When South later lost a diamond to West, the latter returned the club 2, and Mr. Lightner got four tricks to beat the game.

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MARRIAGE

WALLACE-GARDNER — The wedding took place at Reno, Nevada on Mar. 10, between Mr. Frank K. Wallace of Hong Kong and Gladys N. Gardner, former resident in the Colony.

BEN WYLIE

Whether in Wyndham Street or in opposition, it is impossible to mark the impending departure on retirement of Mr. Ben Wylie, chief pilot for so many years of the affairs of the South China Morning Post, without expressing a deep sense of regret, or without being strongly sensible of the fact that he will leave a gap in the newspaper world of Hong Kong that will not easily be filled. So much a part of it has he made himself that Ben Wylie and the newspaper that he controlled had become associated ideas in the public mind. To think of one was to be reminded of the other—a tribute due less probably to long years of service than to his special qualities, which earned him the affection and esteem of his staff, and respect and confidence in every walk of life.

In public affairs, he pursued an active interest in his own quiet way. He took a leading part in the formation and development of the Kowloon Residents' Association, and served on its councils for many years, five times in the role of President. He has been at the same time a popular club-man and a man whose sage counsel and advice has been frequently sought by the Government on issues of local importance, ranging from education to, more recently, the management of the War Memorial Fund.

His 38 years in Hong Kong have seen noteworthy changes both in the content and the standards of local newspaper production. Those who can carry their memories back 25 years and recall the product of that day will need no telling that the intervening years have witnessed a transforming modernisation of outlook as well as of plant, and that the Colony's newspapers today compare favourably with those in any other part of the world where similar conditions prevail. Mr. Wylie's Gaelic caution has, it is true, revealed itself at times in resistance to innovation, but he never failed when results were achieved, to give credit where credit was due. In these days of competition more strenuous than in 1910 when Mr. Wylie first landed in Hong Kong, forward progress in local newspaperdom is not likely to be halted by his decision, due to ill-health arising from his interment in Stanley, to lay the burden of his own organisation into other hands, but it is not as a crusader that his absence will be felt, but as a man of high integrity, sagacity and understanding. We share warmly in the hope that in the more salubrious climate of South Africa, he may find re-invigoration, and that at some time, or other we shall find him responding again as in youth to the Call of the East.

Figures

Figures can be made to prove anything, according to the well-known axiom. They might, too, easily prove dangerous to the statistician if the proof is pressed a little too far.

At the Land Investment



On March 9, 1935, the official constitution of the German Air Force was announced, and on March 10 it was declared that the German Army would henceforth be based on national compulsory service.

The German action was an open formal affront to the League of Nations upon which the League of Nations was founded. As long as the breaches had taken the form of evasions or calling things by other names it was easy for the responsible victor Powers, obsessed by pacifism and preoccupied with domestic politics, to avoid the responsibility of declaring that the Peace Treaty was being broken or repudiated. Now the issue came with blunt and brutal force.

When on March 24, against this background, Sir John Simon (then Foreign Secretary), with the Lord Privy Seal, Mr. Eden, visited Berlin at Hitler's invitation, the French Government thought the occasion ill-chosen. They had now themselves at once to face, not the reduction of their Army, so eagerly pressed upon them by Mr. MacDonald the year before, but the extension of compulsory military service from one year to two.

In the prevailing state of public opinion this was a heavy task. Not only the Communists but the Socialists had voted against the measure. When M. Leon Blum said: "The workers of France will rise to resist Hitlerite aggression," Thorez (the French Communist leader) replied, amid the applause of his Soviet-bound faction, "We will not tolerate the working classes being drawn into a so-called war in defence of Democracy against Fascism."

The United States had washed their hands of all concern in Europe, apart from wishing well to everybody, and were sure they would never have to be bothered with it again. But France, Great Britain, and also—decidedly—Italy, in spite of their discordant and belated challenge to this definite act of treaty-violation by Hitler. A conference of the former principal Allies was summoned under the League of Nations at Stresa, and all these matters were brought to debate.

Anthony Eden had for nearly 10 years devoted himself almost entirely to the study of foreign affairs. Taken from Eton at 18 to the world war, he had served for four years with distinction in the 60th Rifles through many of the bloodiest battles, and risen to the post of brigade-major, with the Military Cross.

Shortly after entering the House of Commons in 1925 he became Parliamentary Private Secretary to Austen Chamberlain at the Foreign Office during Mr. Baldwin's second Administration. In the MacDonald-Baldwin Coalition of 1931 he was appointed Under-Secretary of State and served under the new Foreign Secretary, Sir John Simon.

Sir John Simon's conduct of foreign affairs was not in 1935 viewed with favour either by the Opposition or in influential circles of the Conservative party. Eden, with all his knowledge and exceptional gifts, began therefore to acquire prominence.

For this reason, after becoming Lord Privy Seal at the end of 1934, he had retained by a decision of the Cabinet an informal but close association with the Foreign Office; and thus had been invited to accompany his former

Company meeting, for instance, it was urged that the actual present-day value of the Company's property is \$60,000,000, although shown in the balance-sheet at only \$18,000,000. From this it was further urged that the shareholders were thus receiving only one per cent. dividend on the value of their holdings.

But what a glorious opportunity such figures might suggest to a grasping Financial Secretary. Mr. Lloyd George and numerous British politicians since have more than once argued the expediency and equity of imposing special taxes on increments in land values where the property owner has contributed nothing to the swollen valuation. Too many figures of this kind, in short, might put ideas into somebody's head.

The Seventh Instalment

AMERICA GOES ISOLATIONIST

chief, Sir John Simon, on the importance of a visit to Berlin.

The Foreign Secretary returned to London after the interview with Hitler, bringing with him the important news already mentioned, that according to Hitler Germany had now gained air parity with Britain. Eden was sent on to Moscow, where he established contacts with Stalin which were to be revived with advantage after some years.

On the homeward journey his plane ran into a severe and prolonged storm, and when after a dangerous flight they landed he was almost in a state of collapse. The doctors declared that he was not fit to go with Simon to the Stresa Conference, and indeed for several months he was an invalid.

In these circumstances the Prime Minister (Ramsay MacDonald) decided himself to accompany the Foreign Secretary, although at this time his own health, eyesight and mental powers were evidently failing. Great Britain was therefore weakly represented at this all-important meeting which Mr. Flindin and Laval attended on behalf of France, and Signora Mussolini and Savich on behalf of Italy.

There was general agreement that open violation of solemn treaties, for the making of which millions of men had died, and which the British representatives made it clear at the outset that they would not consider the possibility of sanctions in the event of treaty violation. This naturally confined the Conference to the region of words.

A resolution was passed unanimously to the effect that "unilateral" by which they meant one-sided—breaches of treaties could not be accepted, and the Executive Council of the League of Nations was invited to pronounce upon the situation disclosed.

On the second afternoon of the Conference Mussolini strongly supported this action, and was outspoken against aggression by one Power upon another. The final declaration was as follows:

The three Powers, the object of whose policy is the collective maintenance of peace within the framework of the League of Nations, find themselves in complete agreement in opposing, by all practicable means, any unilateral repudiation of treaties which may endanger the peace of Europe, and will act in close and cordial collaboration for this purpose.

The Italian Dictator in his speech had stressed the words "peace of Europe," and paused after "Europe" in a noticeable manner. This emphasis on Europe at once struck the attention of the British Foreign Office representatives. They pricked up their ears and well understood that while Mussolini would work with France and Britain to prevent Germany from rearming, he reserved for himself any excursion in Africa against Abyssinia on which he might later resolve. Discussions were held that night among the Foreign Office officials. Everyone was so anxious for Mussolini's support in dealing with Germany that it was felt that Mussolini would warn him off Abyssinia, which would obviously have very much annoyed him. Therefore the question was not raised; it passed by default.

On May 2 the French Government put their signature to a Franco-Soviet pact. This was a nebulous document guaranteeing

mutual assistance in the face of aggression over a period of five years. To obtain tangible results in the French political field M. Laval now went on a three-day visit to Moscow, where he was welcomed by Stalin.

There were lengthy discussions, of which a fragment not hitherto published may be recorded. Stalin and Molotov were, of course, anxious to know above all else what was to be the strength of the French Army on the Western Front: how many divisions? what period of service?

After this field had been explored, Laval said: "Can't you do something to encourage religion and the Catholics in Russia? It would help me so much with the Pope."

"Oh!" said Stalin. "The Pope! How many divisions has he got?" Laval's answer was not reported to me; but he might certainly have mentioned a number of legions not always visible on parade.

Laval had never intended to commit France to any specific obligations which it is the habit of the Soviets to demand. Nevertheless, he obtained a public declaration from Stalin on May 15 approving the policy of national defence carried out by France in order to maintain her armed forces at the level of security.

On these instructions the French Communists immediately turned about and gave vociferous

support to the defence programme and the two years' service. As a factor in European security the Franco-Soviet Pact, which contained no engagements binding on either party in the event of German aggression, had only limited advantages. No real confederacy was achieved with Russia.

Mr. MacDonald's health and capacity had declined to a point which made his continuance as Prime Minister impossible. There was no surprise when, on June 7, it was announced that he and Mr. Baldwin had changed places and offices, and that Mr. Baldwin had become Prime Minister for the third time. Sir John Simon now moved to the Home Office, with which he was well acquainted, and Sir Samuel Hoare became Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs.

At the same time Mr. Baldwin adopted a novel expedient. He appointed Mr. Eden, whose prestige was steadily growing and whose health was now restored, to be Minister for League of Nations Affairs. Mr. Eden was to work in the Foreign Office with equal status to the Foreign Secretary and with full access to the despatches and the departmental staff.

Mr. Baldwin's object was no doubt to conciliate the strong tide of public opinion associated with the League of Nations Union by

showing the importance which he attached to the League and to the conduct of our affairs at Geneva. When about a month later I had the opportunity of commenting on what I described as "the new plan of having two equal Foreign Secretaries," I drew attention to its defects:

"The Foreign Secretary, whoever he is, whichever he is, must be supreme in his department and everyone in that great Office ought to look to him, and to him alone. I remember that we had a discussion in the war about unity of command, and that Mr. Lloyd George said: 'It is not a question of one general being better than another, but of one general being better than two.'"

There is no reason why a strong Cabinet Committee should not sit with the Foreign Secretary every day in these difficult times, or why the Prime Minister should not see him or his officials at any time but when the topic is so complicated and vast, when it is in such continued flux, it seems to me that confusion will only be made worse by confounding by dual allegiances and equal dual responsibilities."

All this was certainly borne out by events.
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U.N. Human Rights Article Attacked

Geneva, Apr. 22.

The United States today attacked an article in the proposed United Nations covenant on human rights, on the grounds that it countenanced Government repression of the press.

The article would give contracting States the right to impose penalties, liabilities or restrictions clearly defined by the law on freedom of expression with regard to:

1. Matters which must remain secret in the interests of national safety.
2. Expressions which incite persons to alter by violence the system of government.
3. Expressions which directly incite persons to commit criminal acts.
4. Obscene expressions.
5. Expressions injurious to the fair conduct of legal proceedings.
6. Infringements of literary or artistic rights.
7. Expressions about other persons which defame their reputations or are otherwise injurious to them without benefiting the public.
8. Systematic diffusion of deliberately false or distorted reports which undermine friendly relations between peoples and States.—United Press.

Indian Victory

Geneva, Apr. 22.

Against strong United States opposition, India tonight secured inclusion in the projected United Nations covenant on human rights of a provision allowing government to prevent by law the "systematic diffusion of deliberately false or distorted reports which undermine friendly relations between peoples and States."

The provision is believed to have been largely inspired by objection taken in India to reports sent from there by some foreign correspondents.

Outlook Quite Good

Washington, Apr. 22.

The U.S. Agriculture Department says the outlook for American farm products is relatively good for the next 25 years.

The Department said this included allowances for "some slackening of business, as well as a reduction in foreign demand." The statement was prepared for the House Agriculture Committee. "Strong forces," the statement said, will be operating "to hold prices generally, including prices received by farmers, well above the low level of the 1930s. "Wages are almost certain to continue relatively high.... A good foreign market for American farm products can continue over the years ahead, provided the necessary trade arrangements are developed." — Associated Press.

ROVING ENVOY

Washington, Apr. 21.
Mr. Averell Harriman, Secretary of Commerce, will be appointed roving ambassador for the European Recovery Plan it was announced today.—Reuter.

U.S. Freighter Cleared

Befrut, Apr. 22.
An American freighter, the 7,000-ton American Export Line's "Exford," held in port here by the Syrian authorities because she presumably contained explosives destined for Palestine, was given a clean bill late today and sailed for Palestine with her cargo, which was a load of commercial anti-humidity devices of an explosive nature resembling hand grenades.
The vessel was held in custody for hours outside the harbour for having failed to hoist her "explosive cargo" red flag. A statement was issued by Syrian officials condemning the export of arms to Palestine as contrary to United States laws.—Reuter.

Canton Dance Hall Ban

Canton, Apr. 22.
About 1,500 taxi dancing girls in Canton were told last night that all dance halls will be banned on May 14 following receipt of instructions from the Executive Yuan to the city government.

They were notified months ago to get ready to change their profession as the ban was to have been effective in March. But many of them, for fear of losing the issue would be decided on. About 60 joined a vocational school, only to rejoin the legal dancing profession later.

The excuse is that the other professions are too busy and do not yield enough to support their parents and many brothers and sisters.—Associated Press.

CARNIVAL

By Dick Turner



"Now for de last time—little Joe, fever, six, natural, lighter-from-Deatur, Nhai!"

Hong Kong, East's Brightest Port

New York, Apr. 21.

James B. Young, Vice-President of Barber Steamship Lines, returned today from a three and half month survey of the Far East and reported that large-scale resumption of trade with the Orient must await wholesale rebuilding and organization of Far East ports.

He said waterfront pilferage had decreased tremendously, especially in the Philippines, as a result of "sincere cooperation between the Government bureaux and shipping interests." But he added that only Kobe, Japan, was entirely free of thievery and said this was due to United States army supervision.

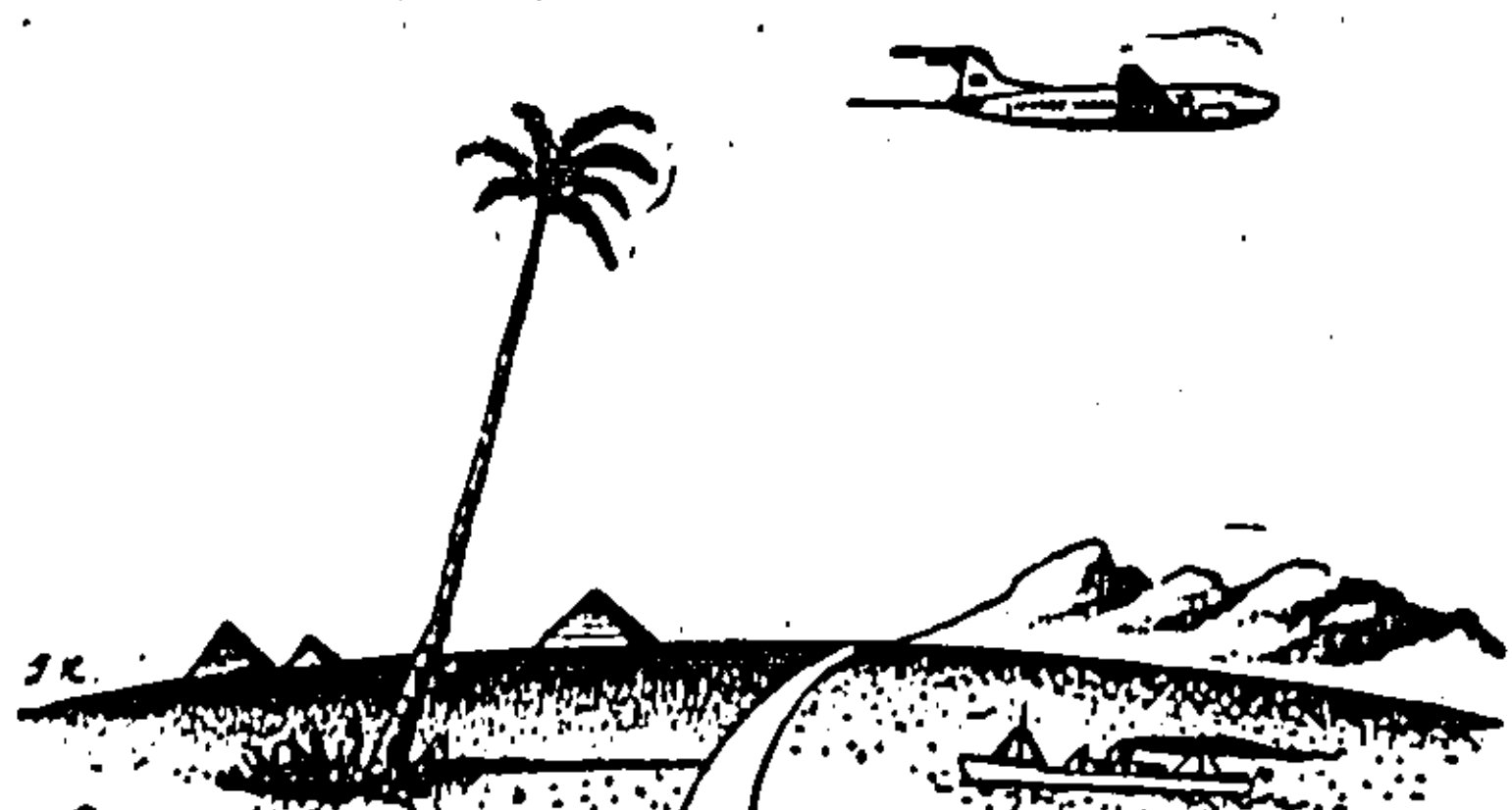
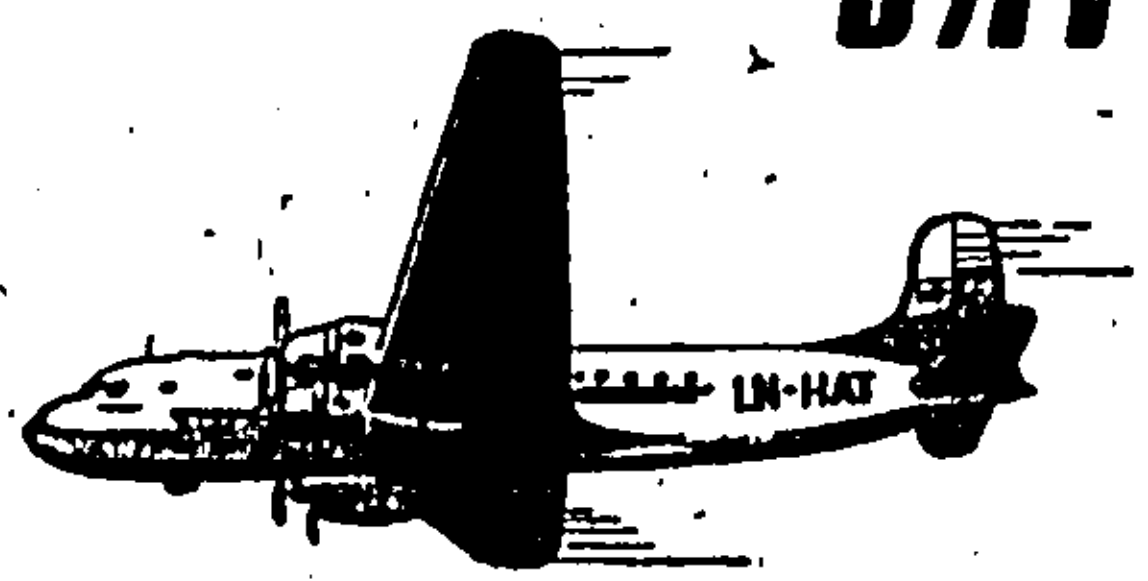
Young said that Cebu, in the Philippines, had a low pilferage rate because most of the cargo was of the bulk variety, and improvement in Manila was accomplished by having trucks pick up small shipments as soon as they were landed. He reported that Manila port facilities were still in bad shape and a shortage of pier and storage space will call for "vigilant handling" for several years to come.

He said Shanghai was the worst offender in cargo losses, with anything not under guard likely to disappear. He said Shanghai's principal problem was lack of experienced leadership, and described pier workers as "stealing interest in work." United Press.

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Princess To Be Received Into Order

Kashmir Dispute Formula

Lake Success, Apr. 21.
The United Nations Security Council tonight adopted a formula for settling the bitter India-Pakistan dispute over Kashmir.

The plan was approved by 31 separate votes on a paragraph by paragraph basis. Each paragraph was adopted by votes ranging from seven to zero to nine to zero. Russia and the Soviet Ukraine abstained throughout.

The 18-point plan calls for: 1—A five-nation U.N. Commission which would try to end the present fighting in Kashmir and help arrange a plebiscite to decide whether princely Kashmir—largely Moslem—should affiliate with Hindu-majority India or Moslem Pakistan.

2—A special plebiscite administration to carry out the voting under U.N. supervision.—Associated Press.

Windsor Pageant To-Day

London, Apr. 21.

Princess Elizabeth and nine noted Britons will be received into the Order of the Garter on Friday on the 600th anniversary of the Empire's most exclusive Order of chivalry.

The medieval ceremony at St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle, will bring the membership to 23. The limit of living members outside the Royal family is 25. The King is the sole elector.

The first Garter service since 1937, it will be the occasion for a splash of colour rare in these days of austerity-living in England.

Princess Elizabeth, just past her 22nd birthday, will become a Lady of the Order. Her husband, Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh, will be made a Knight Companion along with eight others cited for service to England.

They are: Viscount Alexander of Tunis, Viscount Montgomery of Alamein, Marshal of

the Royal Air Force Lord Tedder, Earl Mountbatten of Burma, Lord Harlech, Lord Cranworth, the Earl of Scarborough and the Duke of Rutland.

King's Command

Horses of the Household Cavalry will be in ceremonial robes, the Foot Guards in full dress will form a lane for a procession, a choir will sing forgotten songs and trumpeters will sound fanfares.

Present members of the Order and the initiates will wear purple robes lined with white taffeta. The Knight Companions will wear white silken hose, white shoes with red heels and caps decorated with ostrich and black heron's feathers.

First part of the ceremony will be to invest the newest members, including the Prince and Princess, King George VI will speak the six-centuries-old command:

"To the honour of God omnipotent and in memorial to the blessed martyr St. George, lie about thy leg this now noble garter, wear it as a symbol of the most illustrious order, never to be forgotten or laid aside."

Fourth Lady

The inch-wide blue velvet garter will be placed on the Princess' left arm. The men will wear it below the left knee.

In the second part of the rites, all 10 initiates will be installed including Montgomery, Tedder and Mountbatten, who have already been invested.

The ceremony will be in absentia for Mountbatten, who is Governor General of India.

Princess Elizabeth becomes the fourth living Lady of the Order. The others are Queen Elizabeth and Queen Mary of England and Queen Wilhelmina of the Netherlands. Along with other living members she will be entitled to a recess in a wall at St. George's Chapel to display her personal banner and name plate.

There have been about 850 members since 1348, but only 680 plates remain. Souvenir hunters are blamed for most of the discrepancy. Some members, Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany for instance, have been degraded and their plates thrown into the dust bin.

Honi Soit

That this is the 600th anniversary of the Order's founding is a majority opinion of historians. Nobody knows for certain.

The most colourful version of its origin has it that King Edward III was dancing in 1348 with pretty Joan, Countess of Salisbury, when she lost a garter. The King, so the legend goes, halted some rude remarks from the sidelines by picking up the garter with the remark: "Honi soit qui mal y pense." Evil to him who evil thinks. This became and still is, the motto of the Order.

Less romantic historians say there was no Countess of Salisbury at the time and that King Edward probably founded the Garter Order to celebrate a triumph over the French.—Associated Press.

Silver Jubilee Drives

London, Apr. 21.

Picked men of Scotland Yard began final precautions today to ensure the safety of King George and Queen Elizabeth on their two Silver Wedding Jubilee drives on April 28.

Detectives began an exhaustive investigation of houses and public buildings along the routes, interviewed "undesirable" persons and kept a sharp watch for firearms. As they did prior to Princess Elizabeth's wedding the police are taking names and addresses of those who have paid from £1 to £6 for window or balcony vantage points.

Some 50 main streets in the heart of the capital will be closed to ordinary traffic for the ceremonial drive from Buckingham Palace to St. Paul's Cathedral where in the morning, a Thanksgiving Service will be held.

In the early evening before their broadcast to the nation, the King and Queen will drive by car over a more than 20-mile course through war-scarred sections of London. At one stage of the planning, this project, though dear to the sovereigns was all but abandoned because it was considered too risky.—Associated Press.

"Scrap Iron" Includes Arms

Manila, Apr. 22.

An investigation by intelligence men of the Department of the Interior on the sale of surplus property classified as "scrap iron," disclosed that the lot included brand-new spare parts of Thompson sub-machineguns, 45 calibre pistols and carbines.

The Chinese buyer, Tan Le-po, expressed his willingness to surrender the war material, all sales of which had been suspended by Presidential order last month.

The official buying price was reportedly 40,000 pesos, but investigators claimed the actual market value is about 140,000 pesos.

The investigation is continuing.—United Press.

B-29s Fly To Suez

Frankfurt, Apr. 21.

The Air Force announced tonight a midnight mission of three squadrons of Super-Fortresses flying from Furtwangenbruck air base near Munich to carry out a simulated bombing attack over the Suez Canal.

An Air Force spokesman said he could not confirm the reports that dummy bombs would be dropped.

The non-stop flight, according to the Air Force, will cover approximately 3,600 miles and take 17 hours. The planes will fly direct from Furtwangenbruck to the Adriatic Sea, down the Adriatic to the Mediterranean and across to Fort Said at the north end of the Suez Canal.

The Air Force said the flight, a navigational training mission, will return by the same route.—United Press.

HUGE E.R.P. FUNDS MAY NOT BE ENOUGH

Washington, Apr. 22.

The US\$5,300,000,000 already authorized for European recovery may not be enough, Paul G. Hoffman told the House Appropriations Committee today.

Mr. Hoffman, administrator of the Foreign Aid Programme, told the Committee: "My great fear is that even with the most careful planning and the most rigorous supervision of expenditures, this amount may prove insufficient to accomplish the degree of recovery we seek."

Soviet Promises More Food

Berlin, Apr. 22.

The "Taegliche Rundschau" promised today that food rationing in the Soviet Zone of Germany "will be eased at the earliest possible moment and eventually ended entirely."

Six weeks ago, Walter Ulbricht, co-chairman of the Socialist Unity Party, forecast that potato and bread rationing would end in the Russian Zone following this year's harvest and the meat and fat rations would be substantially increased.

The "Taegliche Rundschau" said the end of rationing would be made possible by more intensive farming, including large increases in fertilizer and farm machinery production and by the increase in export industries.

The "Rundschau" made it clear that any food imports into the Russian Zone would be paid for immediately with German exports.

The United States Government imports 300,000 tons of foodstuffs into the Anglo-American Zones monthly on a deferred payment basis.

The average consumer in the Soviet Zone is said to receive now about 1,800 calories daily. Doctors claimed 2,000 calories were the minimum ration necessary for existence. Even in the Anglo-American Zones, normal consumers receive only 1,400 calories daily.—United Press.

Doolittle Predicts

New York, Apr. 21.

James H. Doolittle, who led the first air raid on Tokyo, today predicted the development of guided missiles carrying atomic bombs and propelled by atomic energy up to distances of 3,000 miles.

He also predicted the application of rockets to commercial development and said, "Rocket engines capable of driving a rocket craft at speeds in excess of 3,000 miles an hour already exist."

Doolittle said, "It may be possible for rocket aircraft passengers to fly from New York to Europe in an hour or to Buenos Aires in two hours."

He said he is "certain that out of our scientific endeavour will come new weapons—guided missiles which will have atomic warheads and which most likely will employ atomic energy as propellant. The new weapons will assure our ability to defend ourselves and help maintain a decent peace until the establishment of a legalized world organization, in which all nations can live without fear and in understanding and concord with their neighbours."—United Press.

Britain And Norway

London, Apr. 21.

A British financial and trade delegation will leave London for Oslo on April 24 to discuss Anglo-Norwegian balance of payments and trade matters with the Norwegian Government, an authoritative British source said tonight.

The discussions will start in Oslo on April 28, he added. The delegation is expected to go from Oslo to Stockholm on May 5 for discussions with the Swedish authorities which are expected to open on May 7.

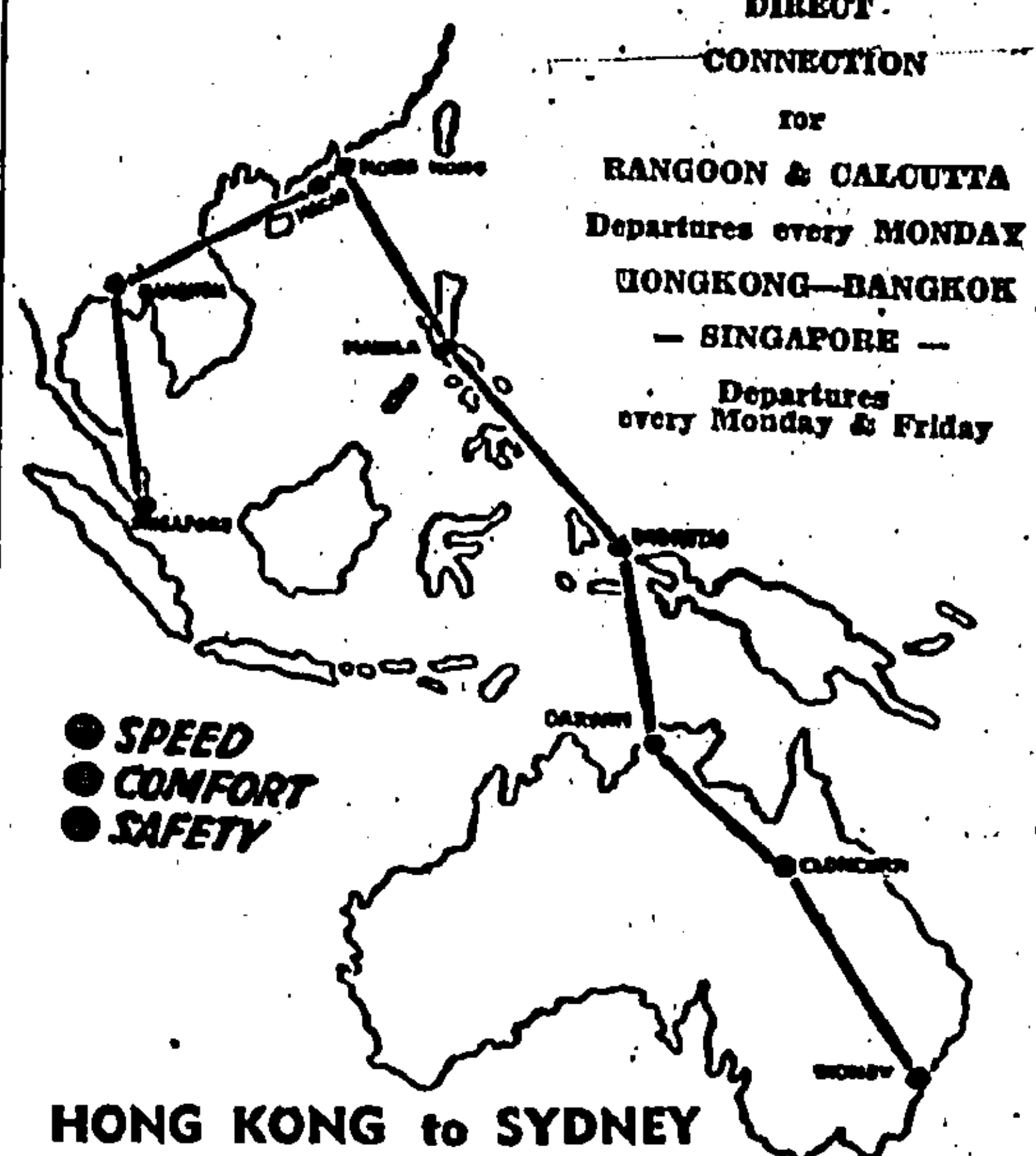
The main object of the visit to Norway is to review the Anglo-Norwegian monetary agreement of June, 1947. At the same time, a general review of Anglo-Norwegian trade will be made.—Reuter.

MINE-EXPLOSION

Lima, Apr. 21.

Eight miners were known to have been killed; 150 are in danger, and many deaths are feared as a result of an explosion and fire in the Aguas Calientes mine at Casapalca near Oroya, 90 miles east of Lima, the newspaper, La Tribuna, reported today. Three of the dead were suffocated when they went down the mine in an attempt to release trapped men. Assistance has been summoned from Lima and Oroya.—Reuter.

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THE TRIUMPH OF MR. ERIC JOHNSON

By Randolph Churchill

American industry believes in paying high salaries, and claims that the results obtained are out of all proportion to the expense involved.

Perhaps no man has ever so fully justified this faith as Mr. Eric Johnston, president of the Motion Picture Association of America.

Mr. Johnston is paid a beggarly 200,000 dollars a year. The agreement which he recently negotiated in London with Mr. Harold Wilson, President of the Board of Trade, will net the American film industry many hundreds of millions of dollars, and will almost certainly, in the course of the next few years, give Hollywood a monopoly of the British film industry.

The Victory of The Surplus

Under this extraordinary agreement the British Government permits the Hollywood producers to transfer their British earnings into dollars up to an amount of 18,000,000 dollars a year.

Whatever they earn beyond—and it is likely to amount to some 60,000,000 dollars per annum—is to be kept in England; but these frozen balances may be used by the Hollywood producers to make films in England or to invest in other British industries.

So far, so good. American films will once more be shown on British screens, yet the dollar leakage will be limited to a comparatively modest sum.

It is the further provisions of the agreement which constitute the amazing victory achieved by Mr. Johnston. For every dollar earned by a British film in the United States, Hollywood producers will be permitted to transfer to the United States another dollar from their frozen assets in Britain.

The Defeat of the Producer

Mr. Wilson has explained that the object of this clause in the agreement is to encourage American exhibitors to give a fair showing to British films.

Ostensibly this would seem to favour the British producers. But everything turns on the central question: What is a British producer?

Is he someone like Mr. Arthur Rank or Sir Alexander Korda, who, using British capital, makes a film in Britain which reflects British artistic standards and the English way of life and the proceeds of which will be a British profit?

Or is he a Hollywood magnate using Wall Street capital who makes the replica of a Hollywood picture in Britain, the whole profit of which must ultimately accrue to the United States?

The answer is that, for the purposes of the agreement, all films made in Britain, whether by British or American companies, will count as British films. Thus the benefit to the genuine British producer is entirely illusory.

The Dollar Loss To Britain

Indeed, anyone can see that he will be more handicapped than ever in obtaining access to the

American screen. For the same Americans who will be making films in Britain also own nearly all the cinemas in the United States.

And it will naturally be to their interest to show the films they themselves have made in England rather than those made by British producers.

Moreover, in so far as the films of genuine British producers may be permitted to earn dollars in America, no dollar advantage whatever will accrue to the British Treasury.

For if a film of Mr. Rank's or Sir Alexander Korda's should earn 1,000,000 dollars in the United States, the Hollywood producers are immediately entitled to unfreeze another 1,000,000 dollars of their assets in London.

What now becomes of all the fine exhortations delivered by the Labour Government to British film producers to push their wares in America so as to earn vital dollars to feed hungry Britain?



Maria Montez' latest bath for picture purposes is according to historic dictators. Note the curious lid which is closed over the bath while receiving callers. Maria playing a French countess receives Fairbanks (Charles Stuart) while she bathes in "The Exile."

-- SHADOWS BEFORE --

THE EXILE (KING'S)

Stars: Maria Montez, Paulo Croset and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr. Story: A tale of the Stuarts, following the revolution in Britain and the exile of Charles Stuart by Cromwell. Based upon historical fact, it is sympathetically treated, with Maria Montez giving a noteworthy performance as the Countess.

ABROAD WITH TWO YANKS (LEE)

Stars: William Bendix, Helen Walker, Dennis O'Keefe. Story: A soldier comedy, with Bendix and O'Keefe as two leathernecks on furlough in Australia, getting themselves into fantastic scrapes in their strenuous rivalry for the favour of an attractive blonde. O'Keefe gives a promising show, alternating between the grim and the comic with equal success.

THE WELL-GROOMED BRIDE (QUEEN'S)

Stars: Olivia de Havilland, Ray Milland, Sonny Tufts. Story: On the U.S. Navy, mostly ashore. A first-class comedy which begins over a dispute over the ownership of the last bottle of champagne, and ends with the disputants falling into each other's arms. Put like that, it sounds a little banal, but here we have both Olivia de Havilland and Ray Milland at their best. It

is loaded with neatly contrived burlesque situations.

GOOD NEWS (QUEEN'S)

Stars: June Allyson, Peter Lawford, Patricia Marshall, Joan McCracken and Ray McDonald. Story: Escapist but amusing. A musical with few pretensions except to entertain, with a first-class cast who romp through comedy, romantic complications and some new songs. The story is tied together by a yarn of a resourceful co-ed who gets her man with the aid of a French dictionary. June Allyson turns in a deft performance, and Patricia Marshall plays the "perfect snob." As the college ladies' man, Peter Lawford is well cast.

Imagine you were a British film producer. Film production is a risky business, and you could easily lose a lot of money.

If you made a big profit you would be taxed 10s. 6d. in the £. Would you not prefer to sell your studio at a profit of £1,000,000, which, being a capital sum, would be entirely safe from the rapacious hands of Sir Stafford Cripps? The conclusion seems inescapable: You would sell out.

The Smartness of the Business Man

How did it come about that the British Government drove so bad a bargain?

To begin with, the President of the Board of Trade, Mr. Harold Wilson, was no match as a negotiator for Mr. Eric Johnston, Mr. Johnston is a shrewd business man.

Mr. Wilson was for 12 months a University don. In a business battle the business man had the obvious advantage. But this itself could not account for Mr. Wilson's surrender of British interests.

The real truth is that he was beaten in politics—into yielding that unless these concessions were made to Hollywood the American motion-picture industry would use its powerful lobby in Washington to defeat the passage through Congress of the Marshall Plan.

The Simplicity of The Don

In the course of negotiations Mr. Wilson even allowed himself to be deluded into the altogether grotesque belief that Mr. Eric Johnston would himself be appointed by President Truman to be the administrator of the European Recovery Programme and that Britain would suffer if he were not appeased.

It is astonishing that Mr. Wilson should have allowed himself to be deceived by reports which almost certainly emanated from the high-pressure publicity men of Hollywood.

Of course, it is absurd to suppose that the Hollywood industry could have defeated the Marshall Plan. But even if the British Government was correct in its fears, the fault that such pressure could be brought against it lies entirely at its own door.

If the Hollywood producers are so powerful that they could wreck the Marshall Plan, proposed last summer, what was the point of antagonising them by imposing last autumn the 75 per cent penal duty on American films? Would it not have been more prudent to have postponed the introduction of this tax until after the Marshall Plan was safely through Congress?

The Failure Of The Tax

The truth, of course, is that the tax itself was a blunder. And it has now been withdrawn without saving a single dollar during the few months that it was in operation.

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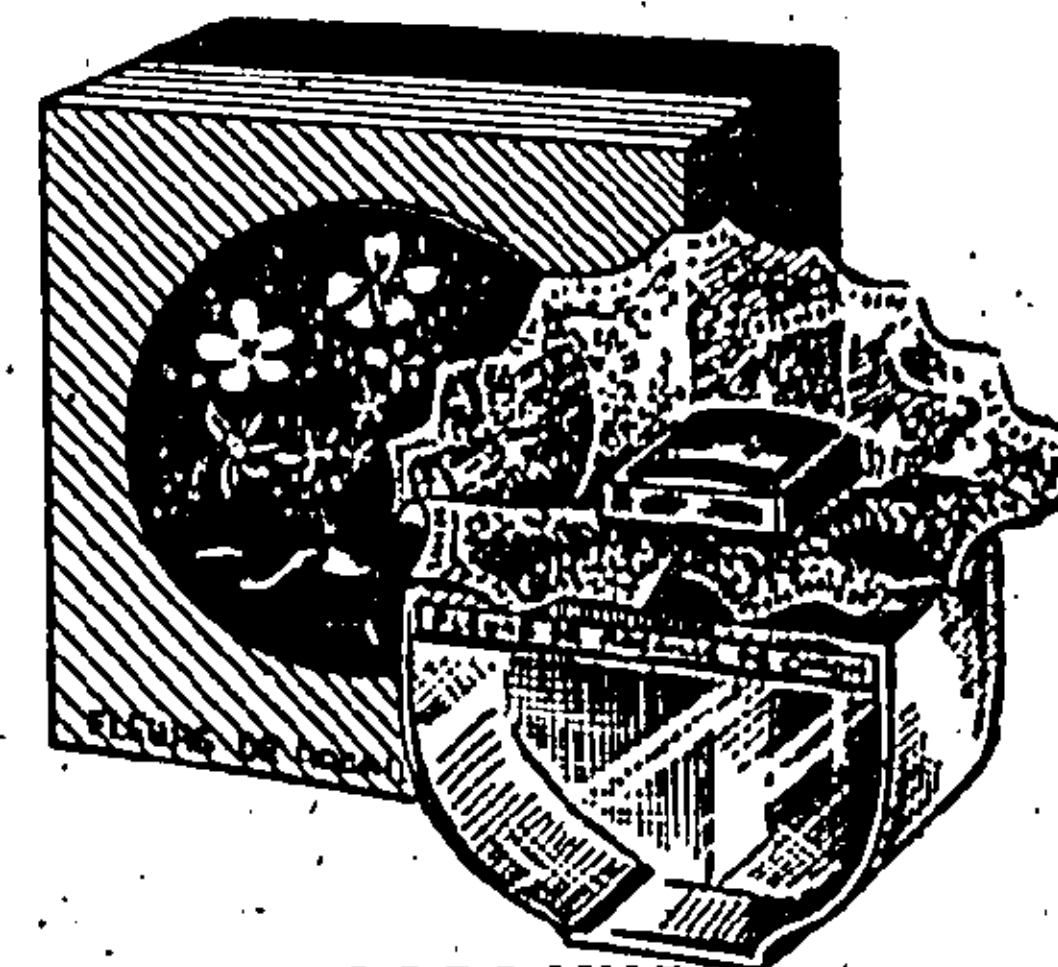
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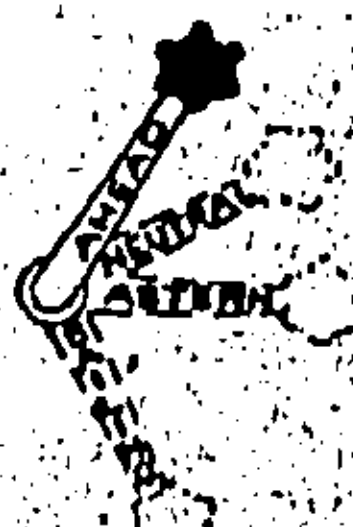
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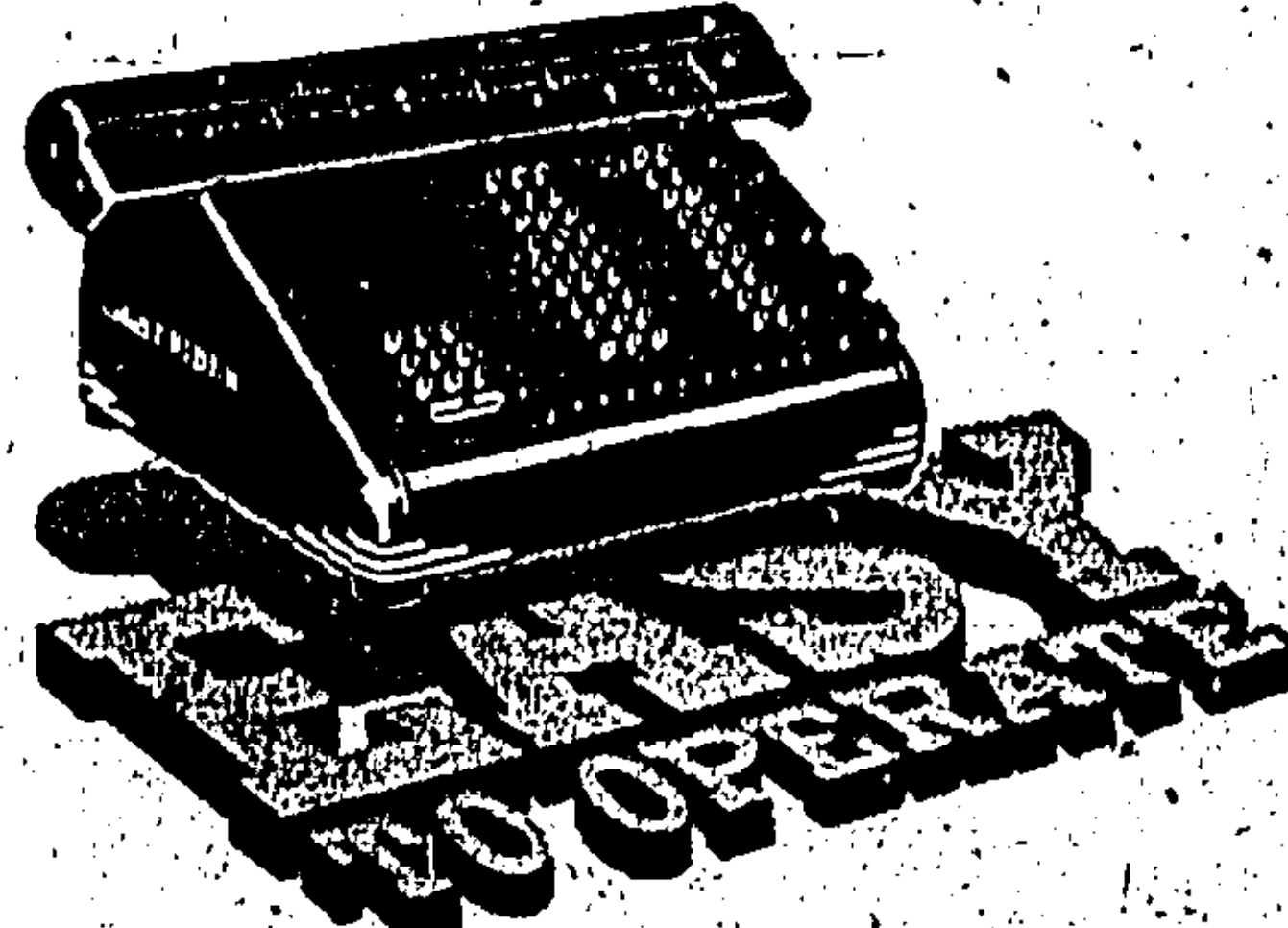
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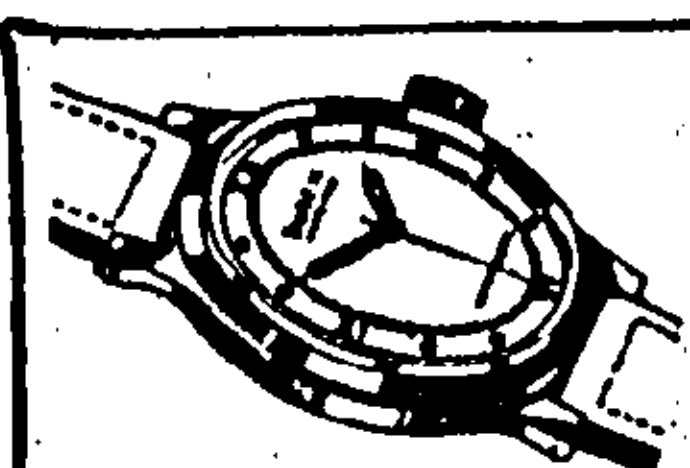
LEE—"Danger Signal," with Faye Emerson and Zachary Scott. From the novel by Phyllis Bottome.

QUEEN'S—"The Strange Love of Martha Ivers," with Barbara Stanwyck, Van Heflin and Elizabeth Scott.

MAJESTIC—"Vacation From Marriage," with Robert Donat and Deborah Kerr. Amusing marital entanglements, well played by the Donat-Kerr combination.

ALHAMBRA—"A Woman's Face," with Joan Crawford and Melvyn Douglas in a skilfully produced drama.

ORIENTAL—"Quiet Wedding," with Margaret Lockwood and Derek Farr.



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EXTRADITION CASE Shanghai Witness Gives Evidence

In the course of cross-examination by the Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro, K.C., counsel for the defence, at yesterday's hearing of extradition proceedings against Hsu Chih-chung (alias Chu Kai-chong), Ho Ka-yu, sub-manager of the Postal Remittance and Savings Bank, asked if Mr. Sun Fo was a director of the Sheng Ho Bank, replied that he was not.

He said he knew who the director was but could not recollect his name.

The case is being heard before Mr. F. X. d'Almada, with Mr. A. Lansdale, assisted by Chief Inspector Williamson, for the Crown. The Hon. Mr. Leo d'Almada e Castro K.C., instructed by Mr. Marcus da Silva, represented Hsu, and Mr. Peter H. Sin holds a watching brief for the Chinese Government.

Jardine's Allocation

Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., General Managers of the Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd., announce that the Board of Directors have recommended the following appropriations for the third Annual General Meeting to be held on Friday, May 28:

Transfer to Reserve for Depreciation on Investments	£ 25,000
Grant to Floating Staff Provident Fund	£ 10,000
Dividend of 6% gross for the year 1947 on 40580 Cumulative Preferred Ordinary Shares	£ 14,877
Dividend of 10% on 40580 Deferred Ordinary Shares	£ 24,794
Bonus of 10% on 40580 Deferred Ordinary Shares	£ 24,794
Carry forward to 1948	£ 21,492
	£ 120,957

The net profit for the year ended December 31, 1947, amounted to £20,000 and after adding the sum carried forward as at January 1, there remained the balance of £120,957 available for allocation as above.

No Case To Answer

Saying that defendant had no case to answer, Mr. Thomas Tam at Central yesterday dismissed a charge of receiving stolen property.

Tam was charged with receiving stolen property, a gold Rolex watch, the property of Lane Crawford, at the Sai Wah Watch Company, Des Voeux Road Central on March 17.

He pleaded "not guilty" and was represented by Mr. F. C. Wong.

Appearing at the same time as Tam was Cheung Sun-tun, 23, unemployed, charged with obtaining two gold watches from a Lane Crawford employee.

He pleaded "guilty" and was fined \$250 or six months hard labour.

Inspector Shaw prosecuted.

March Trade Figures

The Statistical Office of the Imports and Exports Department reports that imports of merchandise into Hong Kong during March amounted to a declared value of \$170,582,016 as compared with \$113,104,300 in March, 1947.

The figures include Government sponsored cargoes.

Exports of merchandise totalled a declared value of \$115,037,153 as compared with \$95,795,982 in March, 1947.

Imports during the first three months of 1948 amounted to a declared value of \$441,500,591 as compared with \$301,087,083 in the first three months of 1947.

Exports totalled \$320,039,003 as compared with \$294,380,026.

ROBERT DER IN BRITAIN

The first representatives of the Chinese Manufacturers Union, Mr. Robert Der and Mr. Wong Hong Ching, have arrived in the United Kingdom.

It is understood that they have been initiated into the complications of ration books and clothing coupons. They have made a sight-seeing tour of some parts of London, including Buckingham Palace, the Houses of Parliament and Westminster Abbey.

A full programme of social functions and an extensive itinerary of tours has been arranged for the representatives.

Learner Driver Fined

Appearing on three charges of failing to stop after an accident, failing to exhibit an "L" plate on his car and failing to affix his signature to his learner's licence, Jimmy K. Ng, student, was convicted on all three charges by Mr. Hin Shing Lo yesterday at Central and fined \$250 on the first charge and \$25 each on the other charges.

It was alleged by the prosecution, conducted by Inspector See of the Traffic Department, that defendant, in company with a licensed driver, was driving a private car No. 7272 on April 21 along Connaught Road West.

When passing the China Merchants Steam Navigation Company's offices he collided with a Chinese male. The man was severely injured and would be in hospital for six months.

Defendant, in answer to the first charge, said that he did stop after the accident. He thought the victim was not badly injured and drove to make a report to the police.

To the second charge he replied that he had two "L" plates on his car, one in front and one at the rear. After the accident the one at the rear might have dropped off. He pleaded guilty to the third charge.

Here is what American managers say:

Harry Harris, Yankees—"I think we have enough to win again but we must beat the Red Sox. They have great power."

Joe McCarthy, Red Sox—"I feel sure we will be able to make it a close pennant race."

Steve O'Neill, Tigers—"The Yankees and the Red Sox are the teams to beat. I figure we will be in the race all the way."

Lou Piniella, Illinois—"It is either the Yanks or Boston. With a little luck we would make it a three-way pennant race."

Connie Mack, Athletics—"New York, Boston and Cleveland each has a chance for the pennant. I think we will be fighting Detroit for fourth place."

Tex Venable, White Sox—"New York, Boston, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Philadelphia, St. Louis and Washington in that order."

Zach Taylor, Browns—"It looks like the Yankees, Red Sox, Indians and Tigers should finish in that order."

The man, Wal Chiu-ping, pleaded not guilty. Other charges of hawking without a licence and causing an obstruction were withdrawn.

Defendant said he was not selling anything. Two other men selling newspapers dropped their papers and ran when the police appeared. The police arrested him instead, he alleged.

The constable in evidence said that defendant was selling papers and assaulting him when arrested. He was also bitten and had to receive medical attention.

Defendant, who had a previous conviction for hawking and causing an obstruction, was given three months hard labour.

Claimed Self Defence

An allegation by a man charged with assaulting a constable that he was hit by the constable and that he was only defending himself, was disbelieved by Mr. F. X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

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GIFT PARCEL CONTENTS

As from tomorrow, rice, flour and sugar may be exported in gift parcels by parcel post. The prohibition on butter will, however, remain.

National

"This is how the National managers 'wind up' their race:

Leo Durocher, Dodgers—"Giant power and an improved Boston Cub present a threat. We still count the Cardinals as the team to beat."

Eddie Dyer, Cardinals—"I look for a four-team race with Brooklyn, Boston and New York supporting the strongest opposition."

Billy Southworth, Braves—"There are three teams to beat, the Cardinals, Dodgers and Giants. The Cards have the best pitching staff and therefore are the boys to watch."

Mel Ott, Giants—"The Cardinals are the club to beat. If we get far in pitching we would turn the trick."

Johnny Neun, Reds—"I believe our ball club has shown more things that indicate it is good enough to fool a lot of people."

Ben Chapman, Phils—"The Phillies are the most improved club in the league and we are a good chance to make the first division."

Charlie Grimm, Cubs—"The Cards and Dodgers are the teams to beat. The Cards are better set on pitching."

Bill Meyer, Pirates—"We hope to make the first division but we are in a rebuilding process." Associated Press.

Never Too Old!

A 53-year-old Frenchman, who has taken up flying again after 30 years "just for the fun of it" received his pilot's licence at the Far East Flying School at Kai Tak on Wednesday after flying solo in five and a half hours.

He was Mr. J. Reynaud, manager of Egal and Company, Hong Kong, formerly of Aix-en-Provence, France, and a pilot in the French Air Force during World War I, in which he had more than 400 hours of combat flying.

Chief Instructor Mr. A. S. Hall said that, probably due to his experience, Mr. Reynaud's co-ordination compared very favourably with younger students.

Mr. Reynaud arrived in Shanghai in 1921. He was one who tried unsuccessfully to organize a flying club there. He has been in Hong Kong two years.

Singapore General Strike Today

Singapore, Apr. 22. The Singapore Federation of Trade Unions today announced a one-day general strike for tomorrow in protest against the recent police raids on the trade union premises.

Four hundred stevedores returned to work in the outer harbour after an agreement with individual contractors, leaving more than 2,000 still on strike.

The Singapore Harbour Board said that it stood by its reply of February 28 to the 31 demands for better pay and conditions by the harbour labourers union.

The present strike arose from dissatisfaction with this reply.

Strikes by wharf workers, telephone company employees and Pilsbrough smelter workers remained unchanged today. —Reuter.

Yanks. v. Cards In World Series!

New York, Apr. 22. It will be the New York Yankees against the St. Louis Cardinals in the next World Series—

if you take the word of the men who get paid to "master-mind" major league baseball.

The majority of major league managers think the Yanks will win in the American League but only after a neck-and-neck race with Boston's Red Sox.

They think the National will be a four-team scramble between St. Louis, Brooklyn's Dodgers, the Boston Braves and the New York Giants, with the Cardinals having the edge because of superior pitching.

133,570 See Rangers Win

Before an estimated attendance of 133,570—a record for a mid-week game at the ground—Rangers won the Scottish Cup by defeating Morton by one goal to nil during extra time in the replayed Final at Hampden Park here this evening.

The winning goal came through Watson, who scored brilliantly with a header from a centre by the outside right, Rutherford.

Other games today:

First Division:
Bolton 4 Derby 3
Liverpool 4 Everton 0
Manchester C. 0 Preston 3
Portsmouth 0 Arsenal 0

Second Division:
Southampton 1 Fulham 0
Aldershot 0 Walsall 0
Ipswich 5 Northampton 2
Norwich 5 Queens P.R. 2
Reading 0 Palace 0

Third Division (Southern):
0 Walsall 0
0 Reading 0
0 Palace 0

Third Division (Northern):
2 Bradford C. 1
0 Chester 0

Scottish "B" Division:
3 East Fife 4
—Reuter.

Acceptors For Newmarket

The final acceptors for the Two Thousand Guineas being run over the mile at Newmarket on Wednesday, April 23, are: My Babu, Hunter's Moon, Konkas Kid, Diddah, Dakota II, Captain Fox, Trespass, Pretence, Julian, Gold Skies, Penrose Star, Pride of India, Kra Noor, Farfede, Omega II, Kenley in Arden, The Cobbler, Solar Skipper, Saissac, Usher, Minister, Lovell, Tommie, Birthday Celebrations, Anzac, Anachius, Straight Play, Royal Parke, Gay Fox II, and the Senator II.

The final acceptors for the One Thousand Guineas being run at Newmarket over one mile on Friday, April 30, are: Ash Blonde, Kamini, Madonna, Fair Dinah, Ceylon Princess, Tudor Lady, Open Sesame, Djour, Blue Stairs II, Doris II, Fillosie, Ariostira Ring, Sweet Justice, Retronome, Gold Skies, Shy Lass, Yellow Moon, Bodala, Masaka, Queen, Pot, Over the Border, Cestory, Rudelle, Miss Polly, Fortuity, Phoebe, La Chipote, Brave City, Red Son Hibiscus, Les Andes, Tennis Bar, Tesco, Biltmore II, Great Fun and Duplicité.—Reuter.

Elizabeth Spends Quiet Birthday

London, Apr. 21. Princess Elizabeth today celebrated quietly her 22nd birthday, and the first of her marriage, but most of it without her husband.

Deep in a six-month course at the Naval Staff College in Greenwich, Prince Philip was obliged to stick to a full day's routine and miss the Royal family luncheon here, tonight, however, he joined his bride of five months at a birthday dinner, attended by the King and Queen, Princess Margaret, Queen Mary, the Duchess of Kent and her children and the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester.

The Royal couple breakfasted together in Buckingham Palace, soon after, sun-up, and a few hours later Princess Elizabeth, accompanied by her sister, set out for Windsor. A large crowd at the Palace gates cheered.

"With Love" Telegrams, letters and gifts poured into both Buckingham Palace and Windsor from admirers at home and abroad.

Among those who sent greetings were Mr. and Mrs. Winston Churchill, Prime Minister and Mrs. Allen, Field Marshal Jan

Smuts, daughter of the U.S. Ambassador, and Mrs. Lewis Douglas, the Government of Australia and New Zealand, the Lord Mayor of London, and the Grenadier Guards, of which Elizabeth is Colonel-in-Chief.

Many baskets of flowers also were delivered. Some were left anonymously, with only a card saying "from a loyal subject" or "to our Princess—with love."

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"B" Coy. Innisks Win Inter-Coy. Boxing

"B" Company 1st Battalion The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers won the Inter-Company Boxing Championship held at the China Fleet Club last night with thirty-three points.

Brigadier H.A. Skone who presented the shield and prizes congratulated both the winners and losers on the good showing they had made. He went on to say that it was no use relying on the old sweats to carry them through and that he was glad that new blood was coming into their boxing world.

Results:—Bantam weight... Fusillier Duffy. Feather weight... L/Cpl. Burns. Light-heavyweight... L. Moore. Light weight... Fusillier Owens. Heavy weight... Fusillier Hamilton. Middle weight... Fusillier Hull. Fusillier Duffy went straight in from the start and kept the pace all through the first round. In the second it became clear that he would win. He dealt out good punches to the target and was the winner on a knock out.

The closest bout of the evening was that between Hamilton and O'Brien for the heavy weight title and all three rounds were very even, both contestants landing heavy punches to the body.

First one seemed to be getting the upper hand then the tables would be turned and the other would be on top. The referee, Mr. Clark R.N. congratulated both boxers on their clean sporting fight and declared Hamilton the winner.

The same happened in the Moore-Purcell dual for the light-weight crown and it was not until the third round that Lieutenant Moore was able to put Fusillier Purcell down for the count.

Robinson proved a worthy winner of the light-heavyweight final when he gained a points decision over Capt. Stevens after three gruelling rounds.

Robinson started off in good style and his punches found the target many times in the first round. Stevens took a lot of punishment and fought back grimly.

He started off well in the second round but fell off under a hail of blows. The last round saw Stevens taking more punishment to the head and Robinson was declared the winner but the referee congratulated Capt. Stevens on his gallant effort.

Official Australian lawn tennis rankings released today placed the newcomers, F. Sedgman, above the Davis Cup players, Geoff Brown and Colin Long, in the men's division.

The rankings were: A. K. Quist, Jack Bromwich, Bill Sewell, F. Sedgman, Geoff Brown, Colin Long, J. Gilchrist, J. Dart, L. Brodie and R. McCarty.

Rankings in the women's divisions were: Mrs. Nancy E. Bolton, Mrs. M. Long, Miss M. Bevis, Miss M. Toomey and Miss D. Whitaker.—United Press.

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